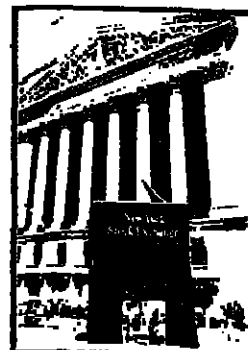


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Women members of the New People's Army in the Philippines pictured yesterday in the southern province of Eastern Samar. The young communists were visited by nuns, who discussed with them President Corazin Aquino's offer of an amnesty for rebels laying down their arms (Story p.4)

(AFP telephoto)

Shcharansky said to be ill; misses banquet held in his honour

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Anatoly Shcharansky was reportedly prevented by sickness from attending a banquet in his honour given by the "Group of 35" campaigners for Soviet Jewry, at the Tel Aviv Sheraton last night.

Soviet aliya sources said Shcharansky has been unable to sleep. They said he was not even well enough to record a greeting.

They said he was also unable to adapt to normal diet and that he is having trouble walking any distance because of reported heart problems.

U.S.-Israel talks on cooperation resume

TEL AVIV. - Israeli and U.S. officials have resumed discussions here on strategic military and political cooperation, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The talks, held periodically since 1983, have covered joint military exercises and the installation here of U.S. military equipment. According to Israeli officials, the group meets about twice a year.

Heading the delegations are Menahem Meron, Defence Ministry director-general, and Alan Holmes, director of the U.S. State Department's political-military affairs office.

Until now, there has been official confirmation only of joint military exercises. Recently, *Newsweek* reported that American pilots had been using Israeli Air Force facilities in the Negev. The report was neither confirmed nor denied by military sources here.

A Pentagon official in Washington said the joint committee was "reviewing a host of joint projects that are of mutual benefit to both the U.S. and Israel." But he declined to elaborate.

Sharir meets with Mubarak tomorrow

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir is to give President Mubarak a special message from Prime Minister Shimon Peres when he meets the Egyptian leader tomorrow. Sharir, due to leave for Egypt this morning on a five-day official visit, is also to meet Foreign Minister Ismat Abdel Meguid.

Sharir and his party will travel by bus. In addition to three Tourism Ministry staffers, the party includes travel agents, headed by Capitol's Rudolph Shmuel, president of the Travel Agents Association. The party is to meet with Egyptian officials and travel agents to work out ways of boosting tourism to both countries.

Cooperation in promotion of travel to the Middle East, pilgrimages, freedom of traffic and bilateral cultural exchanges are high on Sharir's agenda.

The delegation will be travelling in United Tours' new German-manufactured MAN tourist bus.

Shamir, Levy 'closer to reconciliation'

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Correspondent
TEL AVIV. - Herut Party leader Yitzhak Shamir and his arch-rival David Levy are said to have made a breakthrough in a two-hour tête-à-tête meeting late last night.

The atmosphere at the meeting was described as cordial and the decision of the two to meet again is seen as a good sign within Herut.

Shamir and Levy are said to have tackled a wide assortment of topics and to have sketched general ideas for a solution to Herut's bitter internal power struggle which surfaced violently at the party's convention last week. But they are said not to have delved into details. Sources close to Shamir said after the meeting that they now regarded the gap as "bridgeable."

One item agreed on was that prior to a reconvening of the abortive convention the sides would have to agree. Shamir promised Levy that there would be no foot-dragging on scheduling a second session of the convention.

The meeting, initiated by Shamir, is seen as somewhat of a slap in the face for Ariel Sharon. Shamir has rejected Sharon's "compromise" proposals and yesterday appeared to mock Sharon's self-appointed role as go-between, saying that he (Shamir) needed "no mediator to see Levy." It is thought that the Shamir side,

taken aback by Sharon's exorbitant demands, is out to make a deal with Levy instead.

Leaving the meeting, Levy termed it "positive," saying that all party factions would meet within the next few days to work out solutions to the outstanding problems.

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The prime minister reaffirmed that he would stand by the rotation agreement and hand over the premiership to Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir provided the rest of the coalition agreement was kept.

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Experts split on how shares will fare when trading resumes today

By PINHAS LANDAU

Post Finance Reporter
Intense interest will focus on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange today when it reopens for trading following yesterday's closure. Opinion among bankers and brokers was sharply divided last night as to whether the massive, often panic-stricken, selling trend that forced the exchange management to close the markets yesterday will re-emerge today.

The announcement that there would be no trading yesterday was made around noon, before the stock market opened, after a hastily convened meeting of senior exchange executives. Bond trading had begun at 10:30 a.m., but was interrupted shortly thereafter when banks and brokerage firms began reporting that they were being swamped with sell orders.

It would appear that both individual small investors and large portfolio managers, reacting to media reports of moves to impose a tax of some sort on exchange dealings, decided to liquidate their share and bond portfolios and to redeem their mutual funds' holdings. The scale of these sell orders made it almost certain that many, if not most, share issues would not find buyers to absorb the offers coming to the market, and would therefore be marked "sellers only." Others were likely to have fallen by the maximum permissible margin of 10, in some cases 15, per cent.

In such cases - the Tel Aviv exchange has faced similar situations on numerous occasions, often triggered by rumours of impending taxes - management announces a one-day trading halt. Yesterday's halt was unusual only in that it extended to bonds as well as shares.

Such a halt is intended primarily to protect investors from reacting too quickly to news and rumours. "We stopped trading pending receipt of clarifications we had requested from the authorities about the statements and reports of the last few days," exchange spokesman Natan Shilo said. The halt would give the public time to assess the government's intentions and keep investors from causing themselves losses by panicked reactions, he continued.

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Rumour of levy led to closing of Exchange

Peres confirms stock-tax possible; Moda'i against

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter
Prime Minister Peres yesterday confirmed that he was still considering imposing a 2 per cent tax on stock exchange transactions.

Speaking at Tel Hai in the Galilee, Peres said the government would have to choose between the transactions tax and the planned education levy and tax on old-age pensions.

Responding to reports yesterday that Peres was considering the transactions tax, investors flooded the Tel Aviv exchange with panic selling orders, and the exchange management halted trading. The exchange is to reopen today.

Peres's comments yesterday afternoon contradicted statements by the Treasury - and by some of his own advisers, speaking in his name.

The Finance Ministry officially notified the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday that no decision had been made to impose the tax and that the ministry strongly opposed any tax on the exchange. The ministry statement came after the exchange management halted trading and said it was waiting for clarifications from the government.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, speaking last night at Ben-Gurion Airport on his return from a holiday in Switzerland, said categorically: "There will be no tax on the stock exchange."

Moda'i refused to comment further. Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Deputy Finance Minister Adj. Amora'i, both of Labour, yesterday expressed strong opposition to the tax. Both said it would harm economic growth and the possibility of companies raising capital on the exchange.

Amora'i denied that the government had any plans on the subject, and accused some of his own faction's Knesset members of spreading damaging rumours. He said he hoped the public would not believe such "rumours" and would not start purchasing foreign currency.

Amora'i said the tax would discourage the purchase of government debentures and thereby reduce the government's revenues. He added that a 2 per cent tax would represent too large a burden when prices are stable.

Peres, on the other hand, indicated that all the options were still open. He said that there had been a tax on the stock exchange in the past, and that it had done no harm. A 2 per cent tax on the exchange would bring in an estimated \$30 million-\$40 million annually, he said, compared with the \$24m. expected from the education levy.

"We have to choose between a number of alternatives, all of which are tough," Peres said.

The problem with the planned tax on old age pensions, he said, was that "pensioners have already suffered two cuts in their allowances

and they're in very difficult circumstances."

However, Peres said, nothing had been decided yet, and the government would not tax stock exchange transactions if that would destabilize the economy or hurt the exchange.

The premier's comments on the proposed tax caused marked confusion in his own office. Yesterday morning, after the first reports of the premier's ideas appeared, his office strongly denied the story. That denial was released several hours before Peres spoke in northern Galilee.

A 2 per cent tax on stock exchange transactions was levied in 1983-84, imposed by former finance minister Yoram Aridor to finance the war in Lebanon. Labour Party MKs have called for reimposing the tax, instead of cutting social services or taxing pensions. Among those favouring the move are Haim Ramon, the head of the Alignment faction in the Knesset Finance Committee and Rafi Edri, chairman of the party's Knesset faction.

Ya'acobi said yesterday that a possible way out of the budget problems would be to cut government expenditure in the West Bank, to tax luxury flats and one-family houses and to sell government corporations. He said the idea of a tax on the stock exchange was a strange one, especially coming only a few days after the cabinet had decided to allow private firms to raise loans in the capital market.

Professionals set stage for selling-order wave

The flood of sell orders that hit the Tel Aviv exchange yesterday in response to moves by some Labour Knesset members to introduce a tax on exchange dealings came from three groups of people.

The size of the orders and the panic that accompanied them forced the exchange management to stop trading.

The numerically largest group, though not the most financially weighty, was the general public. Rumours and reports have circulated several times in the past 10 years on the need to tax exchange transactions or profits, but each time the public shows that it has learned



nothing. The panic selling is repeated and the exchange can be relied on to rescue the public by stopping trading, preventing sharp price falls.

The second group, and the most important yesterday, was made up of professional brokers and portfolio managers, many reports from a variety of sources said these people, individually and together, goaded

the public into fleeing the market to an even greater extent than would have otherwise been the case. They offered enormous quantities of stocks for sale. And they did their best to publicize their moves on the exchange grapevine, so everyone "knew" there was no real chance of sell orders being soaked up by buying from institutions.

The professionals knew, too, that the exchange would move to halt trading in these circumstances, and that this dramatic reaction by the financial markets would - as it has so often - throw the government into a panic. Recent talk by ministers and

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Scores reported dead in second Damascus blast

Post Middle East Staff

The second bomb blast in a week in Damascus has left scores of dead and wounded and has prompted attacks on Iraq in the Syrian parliament, according to the Christian Voice of Lebanon.

The radio station said the second explosion occurred on Saturday, when an explosive-packed bus rammed into a train and blew up. Thursday's explosion of a refrigerator truck in north Damascus left 60 dead and 110 wounded, the radio said. It said two buses, one carrying police officers, were hit. Damascus Radio acknowledged Thursday's bombing but said only that several persons had been wounded.

The radio station said Syrian security forces had arrested two Lebanese and four Palestinians, whom Syria had charged with being supporters of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Chirac delays decision

PARIS. - President Francois Mitterrand consulted Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac yesterday over the formation of a new government and was promised a reply as soon as possible, the Elysee Palace announced.

Chirac spent two and a quarter hours with Mitterrand, who announced last night that he would pick a prime minister from the right-wing alliance. The alliance won a narrow victory in Sunday's general election.

Elysee officials said no further announcements were expected last night, indicating that the resignation of Laurent Fabius and the appointment of Chirac would not take place until today at the earliest.

Chirac's decision to reserve his reply followed an agreement on Monday between his RPR party and the centre-right UDF to consult before any of their leaders accepted the job.

The UDF has already agreed to support Chirac's candidacy for the prime minister's job, which he held

once before from 1974 to 1976 under Mitterrand's predecessor Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The delay, and the length of the Mitterrand-Chirac meeting, suggested there had been a tough round of bargaining between the two men.

There were unconfirmed reports that Mitterrand had objected to Chirac's candidates for some ministerial posts and to his plans to push through some of the right-wing alliance's measures by decree.

Under the French constitution the president names the prime minister and then appoints the ministers "at the proposal of the prime minister."

The new right-wing majority won 290 seats in the 577-seat national assembly, according to definitive results published yesterday by the interior ministry.

The turnout was 78.1 per cent with 21.9 per cent abstentions. The breakdown was as follows: Communist Party 35; Socialist Party 206; Other left 9; RPR and UDF 276; Other right 14; National Front 35. (Reuters, AFP)

AACI members back condemnation of Kahane

By MOSHE KOHN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Delegates at the national meeting of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) yesterday voted to uphold their leadership's condemnation of "Meir Kahane's racist programme and activities."

The resolution was passed by 112 votes to 20, with three abstentions after a passionate debate at yesterday afternoon's closing plenary session of the AACI's 25th convention at Kfar Hamacabiah.

A resolution, calling on the convention to dissociate itself from the

condemnation of Kahane by the AACI board was voted down by 111 to 19, with four abstentions.

Another resolution, calling on the AACI to "refrain from taking positions on controversial matters not directly related to aliya and absorption," was rejected by a show of hands.

The plenary discussion and votes followed intense lobbying on the issue since the board made its statement earlier this year. The argument centred on whether the AACI should involve itself in what many people regard as a partisan political issue. The northern region adopted a

resolution condemning a statement, and in the Jerusalem region a petition in the same vein was signed by over 100 members in the past week.

The organization's leadership insisted that the Kahane issue is a moral rather than a political one.

The AACI elected a new slate of officers for the next two years, headed by Natalie Gordon of Jerusalem. Before settling here with her husband over a decade ago, Gordon was president of the Jewish community federation in Camden County, New Jersey - the first woman in the U.S. to head such a body.

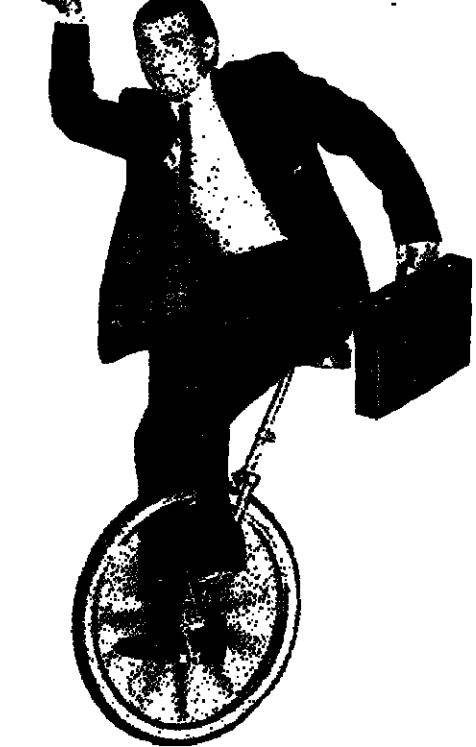
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Women with dangerous shield have only weeks to sue

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Over 500 women were fitted in Israel in the early 1970s with the Dalkon Shield, an American intrauterine birth-control device, the use of which has reportedly caused death and disease to women around the world. An unknown number of other local women had the device fitted abroad.

Israeli women, as all others outside the U.S., have only until the end of April to file claims for damages against A.H. Robins, the American manufacturer of the shield.

A total of 4.5 million women around the world were fitted with

the crab-shaped birth control device in the 1970s. Women's groups have claimed that the manufacturer falsified claims as to the IUD's effectiveness in preventing pregnancy and ignored warnings inside the company that it could be dangerous.

As a result of the Dalkon Shield case, the dangers of birth control pills and of thalidomide, the U.S. has tightened its food and drug laws, requiring manufacturers to prove that their product is both effective in doing its claimed job, and not dangerous to users.

Since the court order, 200,000 women have made claims against

Robins, and 300,000 more claims are expected by April 30. More than 5,000 women have already won compensation ranging from a few thousand dollars to several million.

An Israeli women's health organization, *Kav Habriut* in Tel Aviv (POB 33041, tel. 234917), has been trying to determine whether Israeli women might have been affected.

Fran Kaplan, a social worker with long experience in women's health centres in the U.S., says that the wick used for pulling out the device channels bacteria into the uterus and can cause a very hard-to-treat and painful pelvic inflammatory disease, septicemia, and other problems.

Some users of the IUDs have had to have their wombs removed and have thus become sterile. Kaplan says that the shield's jagged shape could also have damaged the cervical tissues when it was removed. "There were 17 proven deaths of American women caused directly by the Dalkon Shield," she observed. As a result of the protests, Robins stopped its manufacture.

Kav Habriut placed two advertisements in the Israeli press and received responses from over 100 women who knew they had been fitted with the shield. All had had it

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

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GENEVA	13	7	45	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

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Golan	47	7-16	17
Nahariya	57	11-19	20
Safed	60	6-13	14
Haifa Port	60	12-19	19
Tiberias	40	10-23	24
Nazareth	—	—	—
Afula	52	12-20	21
Shomron	51	10-16	17
Tel Aviv	55	11-20	20
B-G Airport	48	11-19	20
Jericho	46	11-24	25
Gaza	47	12-20	21
Beersheba	46	10-19	21
Eilat	29	11-25	26

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Broadcasting Authority ombudsman Ari Avner will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Rotary Club's luncheon meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

The Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz Chair in Corporate Law was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in honour of George A. Katz of New York University. Vice-President Bernard Chernick chaired the event.

West German ambassador to Israel Wilhelm Haas yesterday visited Bar Ilan University where he was greeted by the university president, rector and other officials.

The Ambassador of El Salvador, Enrique Guffreund, yesterday visited the Jerusalem Municipality where he met Mayor Kollek.

Rotarian Hiram Danin will speak on Beersheba 50-60 Years Ago at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Histadrut solidarity meet

TEL AVIV. - Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and Hevrat Ha'ovdim secretary Danny Rosolio were the keynote speakers at the opening of the Histadrut Foundation's Solidarity Conference in Israel at the Hilton Hotel here last night.

The Histadrut Foundation is a U.S.-based fund-raising organization for Israel's labour federation.

Academic staff to strike over erosion of salaries

TEL AVIV. - Academic staff at the country's institutions of higher learning are to strike between 10 a.m. and noon to protest against erosion of their salaries.

Taba delegation leaves

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The Israeli directors-general delegation left last night for Cairo for a further round of Taba and normalization talks with Egypt, starting this morning.

The talks are expected to focus on the formulation of the compromise document setting out the terms of reference of the arbitration process.

Australia begins Sinai force pull-out

Post Defence Correspondent
The Australian contingent to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai began to withdraw yesterday.

The 110-man contingent is being pulled out following a pre-election promise by Prime Minister Robert Hawke. The Australian soldiers are to be replaced by Canadians.

HOME NEWS

Blood donations to be screened for Aids antibodies

By JOANNA YERIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Blood donated to the country's blood banks will be screened for antibodies to the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or Aids, virus, the Health Ministry said yesterday. In addition, seven centres throughout the country will test people directly for the Aids antibodies free of charge, and, if necessary, without a doctor's referral.

The plans were revealed by the ministry at a day-long study session for the press on Aids, at which a comprehensive programme to deal with the disease was detailed.

Although there was no need for panic, Health Ministry Director-General Dan Michaeli told the press, his ministry was taking Aids

seriously. Some \$50,000 is being set aside to pay for the plan in the current budget, and another \$1 million will be set aside every year. The programme was recommended by two committees of experts formed by the ministry.

Twenty-three cases of Aids have been diagnosed in Israel since the disease was discovered here in 1982. Five of these Aids sufferers were tourists and two were Israelis living overseas who have returned to their homes abroad. Of the remaining 16, eight were homosexuals, two were infected through blood donations, and five were hemophiliacs, infected by contaminated Factor 8 blood from the U.S. None of those diagnosed were solely drug users - the other high risk group - although two of the homosexuals were also drug

users. In one case the cause of the infection was unclear. Two of these 16 cases were diagnosed in 1982, four each in 1983 and 1984, and five last year. Only five of the 16 are still alive.

Although the blood banks will screen all blood from April 15, it will be some three months before all the stored blood and blood-product supplies are tested. Only after July 15 will health authorities be completely sure that Israel's blood banks are free of contaminating antibodies.

Patients who may need transfusions and who are worried about Aids cannot insist that the blood used for them comes from friends or family, but they can donate their own blood a few weeks in advance of their hospitalization said Dr. Shulamir Bar-Shany, head of Magen

David Adom's central blood bank. She stressed that the blood bank would not be used as a diagnostic centre. Although tests will be done, they will be conducted only to ensure that the country's blood supply is Aids-free.

Bar-Shany reported that 5,000 donated blood specimens tested recently had shown no signs of Aids antibodies. But she had found 50 "positives" among a further 1,000 specimens sent for testing by doctors suspicious of possible Aids connections.

The seven Aids clinics are already functioning, albeit on minimum budgets, at Hadassah Ein Kerem, in Jerusalem; Ichilov and Tel Hashomer in Tel Aviv; Kaplan in Rehovot; Beilinson in Petah Tikva; Rambam in Haifa; and Soroka in Beer Sheva.

Goren and IDF to erect monument at site of Bar-Kochba bones

By BENNY MORRIS

In a belated epilogue to the state interment of the Bar-Kochba bones three years ago, the IDF and former Ashkenazi chief rabbi Shlomo Goren are to build a stone monument at the Nahal Hever burial site.

In a spectacular ceremony on May 11, 1982, the remains of some 25 skeletons believed to be those of followers of the second century Jewish rebel against Rome were buried on a windswept hilltop overlooking the Dead Sea. Attending were the then president Yitzhak Navon, Menachem Begin, then premier, and other cabinet ministers, the two chief rabbis, the chief of general staff and other

dignitaries, who were all flown in by a fleet of IDF helicopters.

But the government of the day failed to erect the monument called for by Goren and approved by the Ministerial Committee for Ceremonies and Symbols.

Goren, recently informed by hikers that no monument marks the spot, complained to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

A few days ago Rabin told Goren that a detachment of IDF soldiers would accompany him to the site on March 27 and help him erect a stone monument.

The monument will be topped by a marble stone

with an inscription stating: "Here lie buried the remains of the warriors of Bar-Kochba and members of their families who were persecuted by the Roman Legions, 132-5CE."

Because of budgetary restraints, the monument will not be the giant obelisk that Goren had first planned on in 1982. "It will be more modest, but it will be fitting," he said yesterday.

The ceremony is unlikely to be attended by archaeologists, who in 1982, led by the late Prof. Yigael Yadin, boycotted the funeral ceremony because Goren was at that time leading the ultra-Orthodox crusade against the archaeological dig at the City of David in Jerusalem.

IDF 'will intervene' if college allows 'partisan politics'

Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy said yesterday that if it emerges that the Or Etzion military academy for teenagers on the West Bank permits partisan political activity or political incitement, the IDF will have to intervene.

Levy was speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee after an exchange between the sharply differing Citizens Rights Movement and the Morasha faction. Yossi Sarid (CRM) offended Rabbi Haim Druckman (Morasha), who heads the Or Etzion yeshiva, when he charged that matters in the IDF have come to a sorry pass when a military academy is allowed to operate in the framework of a political institution such as the Or Etzion yeshiva.

Sarid said: "The cadets of Or Etzion academy were sent to a political demonstration in support of the

anti-Arab terror underground. They were sent on a Gush Emunim march carrying a banner which read: 'The old green line is no more...'

Sarid said that Druckman addressed cadets at Sabbath gatherings and devoted his talks to attacks on the country's political left.

Sarid said: "If a military academy existed at the Hashomer Hatzair ideological centre Givat Haviva, and spoke there every week and tried to indoctrinate cadets, there would be pandemonium on the political scene in this country."

Sarid said the IDF must ensure that political figures and political institutions were kept away from Or Etzion, or close it and move it elsewhere.

Druckman replied that religious youth in Israel had been discriminated against for decades, when Sarid still belonged to the dominant



Labour party. Sarid did not object to Mapam kibbutz school graduates joining the IDF officer corps, but he objected to the graduates of an educational project inspired by the theme of Greater Israel becoming officers.

Levy said that IDF soldiers from heder yeshivot (which combine military functions and religious studies) were excellent material. There was no reason why they should not also make officer material, he said.

The IDF did not interfere in the general syllabus of any military academy, but it would not permit unacceptable digressions.

Orthodox against racism law
Representatives of all Orthodox factions yesterday warned that they would quit the coalition if the bill making incitement to racism a criminal offence became law.

They said that while the suggested legislation would not muzzle Kach MK Meir Kahane, it would harm the Orthodox community.

They claimed that the suggested legislation was offensive to Halacha because it identified racism with the Tora.

The amendment to the Penal Code making it an offence to meet with PLO officials, was meanwhile postponed, although it had been slated to come up in the plenum yesterday.

Assad still hopes to win war against Israel - Peres

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
KIRYAT SHMONA. - Prime Minister Peres said yesterday that in the long run, Syrian President Hafez Assad "has not given up the idea of defeating Israel by force." Peres said Syria remained the most radical of Israel's neighbours.

While Assad's recent speeches were bellicose in tone, notably his recently stated desire to make the Golan the centre of Syria, Israel would be best advised to refrain from entering into polemics with Syria, Peres said. Israel should maintain a policy of "as little talk as possible" and as much alertness as possible. He declared Assad's Golan statement "warlike."

The prime minister made his remarks during a tour of Upper Galilee that included visits to several settlements.

Responding to questions from students at Kfar Blum and Tel Hai, Peres said that while Assad continues to speak of achieving "strategic parity" with Israel, "he still has a long way to go."

In reply to a question, the prime minister termed the IDF's deployment in South Lebanon "functional not geographical." He said that the IDF would pull out of the security zone "when they stop sending car bombs across the border."

Israel, said the premier, was not interested in Lebanon's land or water, and had no desire to occupy any part of the country.

Asked about the Golan Heights, Peres said Israeli law had been extended to the territory - not to the people. He said he was against forcing the Druse to accept Israeli citizenship.



The Israel Philharmonic and its director Zubin Mehta celebrate at their joint 50th birthday party in Tel Aviv yesterday. Hilton Hotel manager Peter van der Flit helps Mehta and his wife Nancy to cut the birthday cake. Mehta is still trying to arrange an IPO trip to Poland next month. (Giora Salimi)

Shot German tourist's father keeps bedside vigil

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - The father of Miriam Stucker, a West German tourist shot and critically injured by a gunman near Kibbutz Revivim last Friday, was keeping a vigil by his daughter's bedside at Soroka Hospital yesterday.

Lutheran minister Jurgen Stucker, who arrived here on Monday night, said: "The most important thing is for me to be beside Miriam. All I want is to pray for her recovery."

Doctors said yesterday that there was no change in the 20-year-old woman's condition. She has been unconscious since she was found shot in the head in an orchard near the kibbutz. They believe she has suffered irreparable brain damage.

After spending Monday night sitting with his daughter, Stucker said: "Miriam decided to visit Israel after finishing school. She wrote telling us

she was very enthusiastic about the country and the people here."

Despite the shooting, he continued, he felt no bitterness towards Israel. "This could have happened anywhere in the world," he said.

The young woman left an institution in Jerusalem - where she worked with the mentally handicapped - on Friday, leaving a note saying she was hitch-hiking south to visit her boyfriend.

Police have a witnesses report that she boarded a bus from Jerusalem at Kiryat Gat at 2.45 p.m., along with five other people. They are anxious to contact the five.

Police also said last night that they believe the weapon used was not the same as was used to attack a woman soldier six months ago, though many other details, including the sexual attacks were similar. (The women were not raped.)



Mordechai Fink, father of kidnapped soldier Yossi Fink, prays at the Western Wall yesterday for the safety of his son. Fink was snatched with fellow soldier Rahamin Alsheikh, in an ambush by terrorists believed to belong to the Moslem extremist Hizbollah organization in Southern Lebanon last month. The IDF launched a week-long massive, but abortive, search for the two, amid reports that they had been taken to Beirut. Hizbollah announced that they had killed one of the soldiers. Hundreds of people joined Fink's father at the Wall where the shofar was sounded. Alsheikh's father was unable to attend because of ill health. (Rahamin Israeli)

3,000 disabled persons to be stripped of NII benefits

By TSIPPI KUPER
National Insurance benefits used by at least 3,000 disabled people to pay for their transport costs are due to be slashed when a plan to downgrade their disability levels takes effect soon.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav this week told a group of disabled persons that a revised list of medical criteria for disability benefits would be implemented within weeks. The list, shelved in 1979 for being "too severe," will make 2,800 handicapped persons ineligible for loans to purchase special cars or for monthly mobility benefits.

Another 800 handicapped people, including children and the severely handicapped, who cannot drive themselves, will no longer be entitled to car loans, Yehzekel Bakal of the NII disabilities department told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Katsav indicated he would give the go-ahead even if the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee objected to the plan. Prime Minister Peres reportedly supports the plan, said Bakal.

Doron Yehuda, of the Israel Association of Disabled, said people classified as 40-80 per cent handicapped would have their disability level reduced to zero. This would turn many into welfare cases and in the long run would cost the government more than it saved, he charged.

Bakal says the move will save an annual NIS 21 million on benefits and loans. A handicapped person receives a monthly mobility grant of NIS 250-620 and a loan of NIS 10,000-47,000 to pay the taxes on specially equipped cars.

The revised list does not apply to disabled IDF veterans who receive their benefits from the Defence Ministry.

100 tons of fuel oil spill into Kishon River

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - Environmental experts are investigating the spillage, discovered Monday, of about 100 tons of heavy fuel oil into a tributary of the Kishon River, just north of the Haifa Oil Refineries.

Yuval Cohen, of the Interior Ministry's Environmental Protection Service, said the resulting oil slick had been contained with booms placed across the tributary. The oil is now being pumped into tankers and taken to refineries for recycling.

Higher than expected turnout for Labour vote

TEL AVIV. - Voter turnout in yesterday's elections for next month's Labour Party convention is expected to reach a surprisingly high 60 per cent, the party spokesman said last night.

Election headquarters had anticipated a low voter turnout due to the lack of personal and ideological conflicts in the party at the present time.

Some 300,000 party members were eligible to vote for the 3,001 convention delegates, as well as for new branch councils throughout the country.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved husband, father, grandfather

Prof. SHAMAI (Sam) DAVIDSON

The funeral procession will leave his home at 8 Rehov Vitkin, Ramat Hasharon, on Thursday, March 20, 1986, at 3 p.m., for the New Cemetery, Ramat Hasharon (at Morasha junction).

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SHAMIR, LEVY

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together for the first time since the convention and discussed the problems openly and in depth is something positive," Levy said.

The Shamir side made it clear yesterday that Shamir must be the recognized party leader, and that his role as party chairman could be divided among the various contenders for leadership of the party as Shamir has proposed.

The Shamir faction also says it will ensure that Moshe Arens's position as future candidate for the party's number-one post will be compromised, and that it will oppose reconvening the convention before a clear arrangement has been reached

which would prevent a repetition of a free-for-all like last week's session. Sharon has proposed a second convention session to be held before the April 8 Labour Party convention.

He says that Herut must end its internal rift before then so as not to give Labour a pretext to bring down the national unity government. Levy wants the convention's second session scheduled immediately, regardless of what headway, if any, the Herut leaders make in their search for a *modus vivendi*.

TAX CUT. - Ninety-four of the country's 224 authorized *mohalim* (ritual circumcisers) do not report their income to the tax authorities, a recent inspection has shown.

On the 30th day after the passing of our colleague

YAACOV (James) SASSOWER

there will be a memorial service at the Dan Carmel Hotel, today, Wednesday, March 19, 1986, at 7 p.m. Those who cherish his memory are invited to attend.

Israel-America Friendship League, Haifa
Bureau of Commerce and Industry, Haifa
Haifa Rotary Club
The Israel Association of Friends of the Hebrew
University of Jerusalem, Haifa and the North Branch

סדרה מן האכל

Pentagon official urges Israel to be more careful on military spending

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON — A senior Pentagon official, who helped produce a cost assessment of the Lavi jet fighter, is urging the Israeli defence establishment to examine more carefully which military systems it will manufacture. Dov Zakheim, deputy under secretary of defence for planning and resources, clearly implied that Israel might not be spending its limited military dollars as effectively as possible.

Zakheim was part of the team of Pentagon, State Department, Office of Management and Budget and National Security Council analysts who prepared the controversial study that concluded the Lavi would cost Israel considerably more than Israel Aircraft Industries has projected. The study has been sharply criticized by IAI.

In a carefully prepared speech in Washington on Monday, Zakheim said Israel must tighten its military planning and budgeting system so that it acquired the best equipment possible at the lowest price. Israel could not afford big mistakes, he said.

"I found that my Israel counterparts second to none in their dedication and expertise," he explained, "but they are far fewer in number than in the U.S. and, as a result, have far less time to devote to critical programme, system- and cost-evaluation tasks. These are matters that simply cannot be left to contractors — their job is to produce a product, not to criticize themselves. Programme managers, likewise, are not the appropriate people; their job is to deliver the product."

Zakheim, a former Congressional budget expert, said Israel must find others to perform the cost-evaluation task.

"In the past," he said, "the task was performed second-hand, as Israel acquired foreign systems that had already been subject to such evaluations. With Israel producing more and more of its own systems, second-hand analysis is simply not enough. Israel must develop its own internal, independent programme analysis and evaluation capability if it is to ensure that the weapons systems it develops are the most cost-effective for its requirements."

Zakheim also made clear that the Gramm-Rudman law, which requires the U.S. government to balance its budget in the next few years, would significantly reduce Israel's ability to obtain larger military assistance from Washington. In the future, there will be less room for mistakes.

Because of the law, Israel has been pressed to return some \$77m. in military aid and nearly \$60m. in economic assistance granted to it for fiscal 1986. In its proposed fiscal budgets, the Reagan administration has sought the same \$1.8b. in military grants for Israel as approved last year. But if Gramm-Rudman's automatic across-the-board cutting mechanism comes into play, then Israel, like other foreign aid recipients, will have to do with less overall assistance, as has happened this year.

In his speech, Zakheim cited the very serious implications for Israel's already hard-pressed economy as a result of Gramm-Rudman. "First," he said, "the often-used approach of adding to the administration's request once it came to Capitol Hill just will not work anymore. Unwanted additions to the president's budget are the best way to trigger Gramm-Rudman reductions."

Second, Zakheim continued, "we must get used to the fact that military assistance levels for Israel simply will not grow. The Gramm-Rudman legislation forces the deficit down to zero in 1992. Put another way, it exerts continuing downward pressure on expenditure. The president's five year programme responds to that pressure by fitting inside the Gramm-Rudman limits. If the next several years' budgets are approved, we can reach the Gramm-Rudman goal of no deficit by 1992. But in these circumstances, Israel will do well just to maintain the \$1.8 billion level until that time."

That means, in short, that the Israel Defence Force will have to become increasingly selective in its weapons acquisitions, either from the U.S. and other foreign suppliers or from within Israel itself.

Zakheim, who led the inter-agency team that visited Israel to study the Lavi project, pointed out that the U.S. has already made avail-

able over \$1b. to Israel for the development of the plane. "The Lavi is a very special programme," he said. "It is not meant for the U.S., nor do we consider it a candidate for future acquisition. The U.S. Air Force has absolutely no requirement, or interest in this plane, which is being developed to support Israel's unique air battle management plan...and the Middle Eastern environment in which Israel's Air Force must operate."

Zakheim recalled that this was not the first time that the U.S. has supported an Israeli development effort "nor will it be the last." Referring to the \$100m. appropriated for the construction of the Merkava battle tank, he said, "Without the United States' support, this unique combination armoured vehicle could have never come into being." Zakheim added that Israel was currently looking "to the U.S. for support in its submarine and surface ship modernization programme, a significant portion of which will be indigenously developed. Again, the U.S. stands ready to support Israel's requirements as efficiently as possible."

While clearly harbouring serious reservations about Israel's long-term ability to afford the Lavi, Zakheim said he remained upbeat about the course of American-Israeli military ties. "I am proud to be serving in an administration and in a Department of Defence that on a day-to-day, sustained basis has worked more closely with the Ministry of Defence of Israel than has been the case at any time since 1948," he said.

Zakheim cited bilateral development of computer-directed, "smart" munitions for ground combat as an example of cooperation. "We have also reached agreement on joint exploration of remotely piloted vehicle initiatives," Zakheim said. "In fact, we have 27 other exchange agreements that cover a host of technical matters."

Zakheim said many Israeli companies had already expressed an interest in winning some Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) contracts. Among those are IAI, Rafael — the Armaments Development Authority, and the Soreq Research Laboratories.



Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy places flowers on the memorial dedicated to IDF and other security services personnel whose place of burial is not known. At the memorial service yesterday for those missing in action, Defence Minister Rabin vowed to do everything possible to retrieve the remains of soldiers buried in other countries, particularly Egypt. (Rahamim Israeli)

DALKON SHIELD

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removed, but were nevertheless concerned about long-term damage.

In the early 1970s, the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot conducted an experiment in which it fitted 500 women with the Dalkon Shield. Prof. Moshe Lancet, head of the hospital's obstetrics and gynecology department, confirmed that the experiment had taken place, but said that it had received all the necessary authorizations.

"When we heard from the U.S. that they were stopping its use in 1975, we were surprised, because we found it effective. But we wrote to all the women and subsequently removed the shields," he maintained. "The device had caused no problems, but admitted that no long-term study of the women had been conducted."

The Health Ministry says it never allowed sale and distribution of the Dalkon Shield here, but it is aware that some women acquired it abroad. A Robins official, Ann Cox, told Kaplan that the company had sold the shields in Israel through a "European distributor," but no details were provided.

Kav Habrut says it wants Health Ministry cooperation in making it easier for women who used the Dalkon Shield to obtain their health records, which are needed to furnish proof after they file their claims. Kaplan said many women were having trouble getting the records, and even when some records were obtained, they did not specify what type of IUD had been used and removed.

The ministry spokesman said any women who have difficulty getting their health records at doctors' offices, clinics or hospitals should complain to their district health officers, as they are legally entitled to them. While not conceding that health records lack details, the spokesman did say that doctors should be encouraged to register exact details of treatments.

Kaplan urges women to claim against Robins even if they are not sure that they have suffered long-term damage, as the existence of the claim will reserve their rights to file suits. An American lawyer will advise them and charge only if they win. Women can also claim directly after receiving forms from Kav Habrut.

The stamp of a liberal

IN PERSON
By BENNY MORRIS

The postal service will issue a series of "liberal" stamps, in May. Included will be an anti-racism stamp featuring a *Lo Logiz'nu* ("No to Racism") inscription in the form of graffiti: a set of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform institutions in the U.S., and another set on Moslem, Christian and Druse holidays in Israel.

Minister of Communications Amnon Rubinstein (Shinui), who exudes liberalism, expects flak from religious obscurantists and from ultra-nationalists, but isn't worried. He didn't like the graffiti design of the anti-racism stamp but allowed himself to be overruled by his experts.

He notes that recent stamps on women ("Women's Rights") and on religious sites — the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Dome of the Rock, and the Western Wall — caused an anti-liberal commotion. He seems to relish these little victories or digs.

He acknowledges that the country is sliding to the political right, towards ultra-nationalism and Orthodoxy. But he maintains that most Israelis are still "tolerant" and "moderate." He points to the speed and decisiveness with which most Israelis changed course and became conciliatory in the wake of the Sadat visit to Jerusalem.

And he believes that Israel's "record" as a country under siege and in war for almost four decades, and as an occupier, is "unique in history."

Where else, he asks, has a military occupier suffered more deaths than the people occupied? And he points to the French elections, where the "Fascist, racist" extreme right garnered some 10 per cent of the vote, whereas in Israel, with far greater problems, similar parties have failed to get anything like that.

New course to provide more doctors for MDA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An emergency first-aid course for doctors is being opened to make more physicians available for night duty for Magen David Adom.

The course, to be held at the Magen David Adom training centre in Jaffa on April 2-3, includes in-



Amnon Rubinstein (Keren)

But he regards the violence and brutishness at last week's Herut Party convention, as well as ultra-Orthodox statements in general, as "indigestible" and ominous.

Rubinstein, a former law professor at Tel Aviv University, believes that Kach leader Meir Kahane will not be allowed to run for the Knesset in the next elections, under existing law. Rubinstein regards Kahane as a "calamity," mainly because he "is only the tip of the iceberg, his views are partially legitimized by people in *Gush Emunim*, Orthodox fundamentalists, the Chief Rabbinate." Kahane is also "a godsend to all enemies of Israel," he adds.

Rubinstein acknowledges that the peace process with Jordan and the Palestinians is stalled. He thinks what is needed now is a "grand gesture" by Hussein, who must show that he won't be cowed by PLO recalcitrance or assassinations in the West Bank. "I don't believe the ball is in our court," he says.

He supports "in principle" the holding of elections for mayors in the territories. But he fears that the population will be subject to terrorist intimidation and violence, and the results of the vote, if held, would reflect this. He doesn't seem optimistic that such elections — or anything else that could push the peace process forward — will materialize in the coming months.

No funds for child-abuse programme

By JOEL REBIBO

For The Jerusalem Post

Although thousands of schoolchildren were sexually abused last year, the Education Ministry will not provide the "few thousand dollars" needed to implement a programme to prevent abuse and treat its victims.

"We have a curriculum that has been translated and adapted from a successful programme now in use in the U.S., and with a third of a salary we could start teaching kids how to protect themselves," Dr. Reuven Asch told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"Today, someone works with the offender, but no one works with the child who was abused," adds Asch, chief school psychologist for Jerusalem and the Southern District. The way to prevent sexual abuse,

he says, is to teach children that their bodies belong to them and that they have the right to say "No."

Children are instructed to say no and run away from adults who offer to photograph them, or who offer candy or a ride around the block in their car, or who say they want to tell them a secret.

They are taught to keep away from strange adults and bite or kick those who grab them.

However, statistics in the U.S. suggest that a very high percentage of abusers are adults whom the children know — friends of the family, if not actually family.

"We teach the kids that even mother or father shouldn't touch you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed or strange," says Asch. "No one should touch

you in areas where a bathing suit covers."

Asch wants to start preparing teachers to give these courses. He feels that kindergartners can be taught to protect themselves.

Parents also need education on sexual abuse, he says. Though there were about a thousand reported cases of sexual abuse last year, Asch estimates that the actual number is much higher.

"Parents need to learn to believe their children and they need to know that their kids will not be required to testify in court if they choose to press charges. They will only be interviewed by a police social worker."

"The policy in the Education Ministry will change only when there are a few well-publicized cases of brothers raping their younger sisters," says Asch.

Jerusalem pays tribute to Kadimah — dedicated fighters against assimilation

By AARON LEIBEL

Decked out in the group's traditional red, violet and gold sashes and blue caps, alumni of the world's oldest Jewish fraternity are slated to gather in Jerusalem tomorrow as the city pays tribute to this important, pre-Herodian Zionist organization by naming a street: Kadimah.

In 1882, four Jewish students at the University of Vienna decided to form a fraternity dedicated to fighting assimilation. Fearing the police, the association's official aim was stated as "furthering Jewish literature and the science of Judaism without any political aims." However, members were asked to commit themselves to struggle against assimilation and for Jewish nationhood and the settlement of the land of Israel.

The organization formally came into being in 1883 and its first act was pasting posters on the university's walls declaring the goal of Jewish nationhood. Its name, Kadimah ("forward" and also "eastwards" in Hebrew), was suggested by Jewish nationalist Perez Smolenskin who was living in Vienna at the time and who became the group's spiritual leader.

Assimilationist Viennese Jewry was not enthusiastic about the new group but Jewish students in other universities throughout the Austro-Hungarian Empire and Europe formed branches of Kadimah and started similar organizations.

But the group came into its own when Vienna-resident Theodor

Herzl published his *Der Judenstaat* (The Jewish State) in 1896. Herzl's first speech to a Jewish audience was organized by Kadimah. The fraternity helped to organize the first Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897 and one of Kadimah's founding members, Nathan Birnbaum, became first secretary-general of the Zionist Organization. Members Isador Schalit and Albert Dornreich were instrumental in founding *Die Welt*, the Zionist movement's official organ.

But in addition to helping Herzl, Kadimah played an important psychological role in fostering pride among the Jews of Vienna and Central Europe, group alumnus Dr. Edmund Schechter told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We fought assimilation with assimilationist means," he said. "Like other German and Austrian fraternities, we duelled. This gave Jews a sense of honour and self-defence." (Schechter himself fought three duels.)

He joined the organization in 1930, during the rise of Nazism in Germany and Austria. In that period, he explained, there was an even greater need for Jewish self-assertion. "There was a tradition at the University of Vienna for all fraternities to gather in a hall on Saturday mornings," he recalled. "The Nazis would try to force out Jewish groups by using violence. We fought back with our fists."

But Kadimah was more than a duelling club. It was a very close-knit social organization where

friendships made lasted a lifetime. And it was a "fraternity" with one strong, ideological underpinning — Jewish nationalism. Members would meet in their clubhouse several times a week, Schechter explained, for duelling lessons and social activities. In addition, there were lessons on Jewish history and Zionism. At the end of the first year, candidate members had to take examinations in those subjects before becoming full-fledged members.

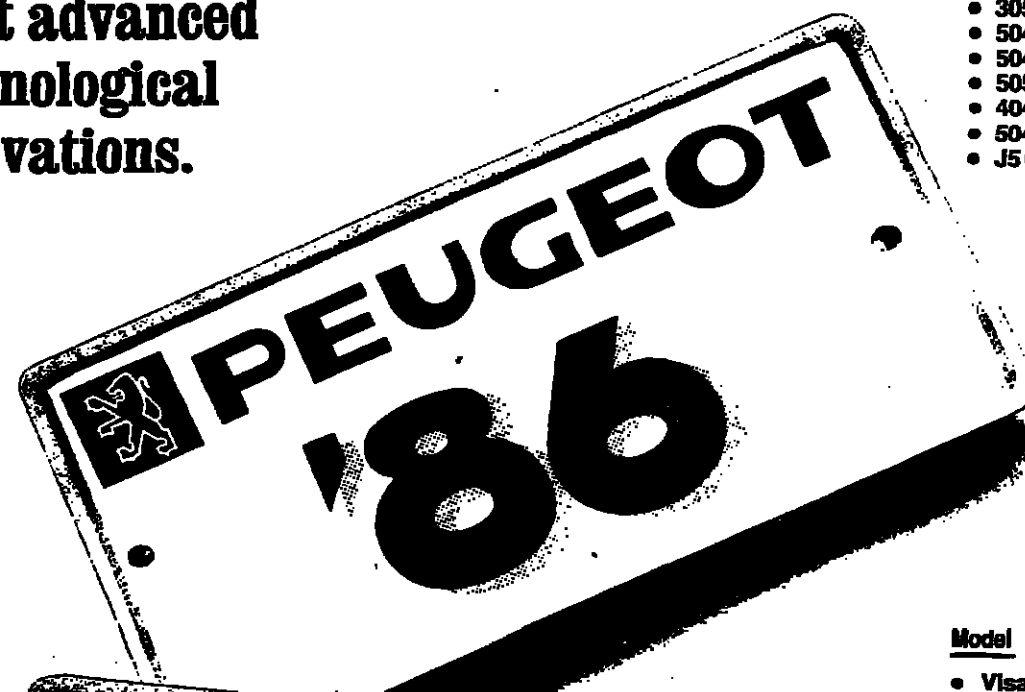
Kadimah, like all other Austrian Jewish organizations, ceased to function in 1938 when the country was absorbed into Nazi Germany. Kadimah members scattered to all corners of the world. Schechter made his way to the U.S. where he worked as a foreign service officer. Six years ago, he retired and became active in Jewish affairs, visiting Israel frequently.

During a trip in 1983, he woke up one morning in a Tel Aviv hotel "and had a brainstorm. I decided that in Jerusalem, Israel's eternal capital, we should have a street named after our group. I met with Mayor Teddy Kollek and he agreed in principle. Final approval was granted last year."

Schechter expects about 100 alumni of Kadimah and other similar Jewish student organizations to attend tomorrow's ceremonies. (Buses will leave the Jerusalem King Solomon Hotel at 11:15 a.m.) Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens is due to be there, as is Vienna-born Teddy Kollek.

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Assistance to Nicaraguan Contras

U.S. aid may include Soviet rockets

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. may help Nicaragua's anti-Sandinista rebels buy Soviet-made SA-7 anti-aircraft missiles on the black market if Congress approves military aid for them. *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

Citing unidentified Pentagon officials and government sources, the *Post* said the battle-tested SA-7 is among the weapons Washington may buy for the rebels, called Contras, who are fighting Nicaragua's leftist government.

There was no immediate official

comment.

The central Intelligence Agency has supplied money to buy Soviet SA-7s on the black market for anti-government rebels in Afghanistan to help them battle Soviet helicopters there, the newspaper said.

In Nicaragua, the anti-aircraft missiles would be used against Soviet-made helicopters piloted by Sandinistas, it said.

A U.S. counterpart to the SA-7, the General Dynamics Corp. shoulder-fired Redeye missile, may also be purchased for the Contras if

Congress approves the aid package, the *Post* said.

Congress is currently debating a Reagan administration request for \$70 million in military and \$30 million in non-military aid to the Contras.

The House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the packages tomorrow, with opponents claiming to have a slight majority.

The aid request faces a tough test the next day in the Senate, which is controlled by Reagan's own Republican Party.

Rebel strife takes 114 lives in Philippines

MANILA (AP). — Armed Forces chief Gen. Fidel Ramos yesterday urged residents of a rebellion-ravaged central Philippine island to help end a Communist insurgency that has claimed 56 lives in two weeks.

Nationwide, at least 114 people have been killed in continued Communist rebel attacks in the three weeks since President Corason Aquino took office, despite her release of political prisoners and attempts to work out a cease-fire.

Of the 56 deaths on Negros island in the past two weeks, 49 were civilians and the rest were soldiers, Brig.-Gen. Dionisio Tan-Gatue said in a report to Ramos. No insurgents were reported killed.

Ramos, celebrating his 58th birthday, flew to Negros yesterday. He called on residents to cooperate with the military in working toward peace and progress for the island, 480 km. south of Manila in the country's Visayas region.

Rebel activity escalated dramatically in Negros following the collapse two years ago of the sugar industry, caused by low world prices for the commodity.

The government yesterday also announced the creation of a seven-member human rights committee to investigate instances of disappearances, extra-judicial killings, tortures and massacres.

Three clashes in the countryside were reported earlier, including the bloodiest encounter yet in Cagayan province north of Manila, which left 23 people dead.

In the latest incident, two rebels and two soldiers were killed before dawn in Tambulig town in the southern Philippines.

The *Manila Times Journal* published a statement yesterday by the Communist New People's Army, saying it would continue armed struggle to "mop up the remnants of the Fascist machinery" of the deposed Marcos administration.

Last Singapore survivor rescued

SINGAPORE (Reuters). — Mining engineers brought a woman out of the collapsed New World Hotel yesterday after nearly 80 hours below ground.

The woman, the 17th person saved, is thought to be the last survivor and rescuers have no contact with anyone else in the ruins. Police say up to 50 people are unaccounted for after Saturday's collapse.

Patrick Gallagher, a rescue work-

er, said he lifted the woman by her armpits from near a dead body before dragging her down the tunnel. "She was in very good spirits. She gave us a lot of help and she has no apparent injuries," he added.

Lim Siam Kim, director of operations, said earlier: "There are no other signs of survivors." But officials said there would now be another probe for people who might still be buried alive.

French hostage mediator abandoning his efforts

PARIS (Reuters). — Razah Raad, France's unofficial mediator with the kidnappers of French hostages in Lebanon said yesterday he was abandoning his efforts following charges that his mission had ruined the hostages' chances of release.

"I have abandoned my mission," the Lebanese-born heart specialist told Reuters by telephone from his surgery in northwestern France.

Raad had warned that he would quit unless the government cleared him of accusations that he had ruined a parallel set of negotiations on releasing the hostages by making too generous an offer to the kidnappers.

The charges were made on state television by Syrian-born Omran Adham, a mysterious figure who describes himself as a personal envoy of President Francois Mitterrand to Damascus. French officials have declined to comment on his status.

The bizarre row between the two men came as efforts to secure the release of the hostages appeared to have slowed down yet further with the impending change of government in Paris after Sunday's general election.

The External Relations Ministry, which considered Raad a "semi-official" envoy, had no comment on the doctor's move.



Dr. Razah Raad in front of his home near Argentan in Normandy. (AFP)

Raad, who spent four days in Beirut and Damascus last week, had sought to make contact with the Islamic Jihad group which says it is holding diplomats Marcel Fontaine and Marcel Carton and journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Islamic Jihad says it has killed a fourth hostage. Arabist researcher Michel Seurat. Another mysterious group, the Revolutionary Justice Organization, claims to be holding a four-man French television crew.

Olof Palme murder suspect was 'strange,' say extremists

STOCKHOLM (Reuters). — The Stockholm Public Prosecutor's office yesterday named a man charged with involvement in the murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme. An extreme right-wing political party said he was a former member.

The man was identified as Ake Lemmer Viktor Gunnarsson, 32, by an official of the prosecutor's office. His name has not been published in Sweden in line with local legal practice.

Gunnarsson was charged on Monday with participation in the murder "as a perpetrator." But both the prosecutor and police refused to make clear whether he was suspected of firing the fatal shot or of being an accomplice to the murder last month.

A spokesman for the Swedish branch of the European Workers' Party (EAP) said the suspect had been briefly associated with the group but was no longer a member.

"He was a member for several months at the beginning of 1985," spokesman Michael Ericson said in a radio interview.

"When it became clear that he had, to say the least, strange ideas

which indicated cult tendencies, we distanced ourselves and broke off contact with him."

Ericson denied that the EAP had been involved in the assassination, but said: "There have been clear attempts by Moscow to lay the murder at our door."

The EAP, founded in West Germany in 1974, is bitterly opposed to the Soviet Union. It operates in Sweden, Denmark, Italy, France and Belgium, mounting apparently well-funded campaigns attacking communism and urging support for European unification and nuclear power. It wants neutral Sweden to join NATO.

In Sweden, the EAP made strong personal attacks on Olof Palme with posters portraying him as a devil and comparing him to Hitler.

The newspaper *Aftonbladet* yesterday published photographs of EAP members heckling Palme at a 1976 election rally with the face of one prominent demonstrator, said to be the murder suspect, blacked out.

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FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Soviets protest over U.S. ships in Black Sea

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union delivered a note of protest to the U.S. Embassy yesterday complaining that American naval ships violated Soviet territorial waters off the Black Sea coast.

The protest was reported by the official news agency Tass, which gave no details of who delivered it nor who received it.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Jaroslav Verner confirmed that the note alleged border violations was delivered "through normal diplomatic channels," but he declined to answer any other questions about the exchange.

Vital parts of Challenger 'weren't up to standard'

HOUSTON (AP). — Seals on Challenger's rocket boosters were among 748 parts whose failure would have doomed the spacecraft but were approved even though they didn't meet ideal standards, an engineer says.

Waivers were issued for 617 of the 748 parts after evaluations determined they could be flown without unnecessary risk, engineer Marion Merrell of the Johnson Space Center said on Monday.

Waivers are granted for "those items that we are not able to get up to standards," but not "until all avenues are exhausted," Merrell said.

Berlin checkpoint phone boxes are bugged

WEST BERLIN (APF). — Phone bugs, probably planted by East Germany, have been discovered in two public phone boxes close to an East Berlin checkpoint used by diplomats and East Germans, an official spokesman said here.

The spokesman said the bugs, with a 300-metre range, could pick up conversations and identify the number being called. They were uncovered by engineers carrying out work in the telephone booths, he added.

Cut-price sanitary ware irks U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Lockheed Corp., which allegedly charged the U.S. Air Force almost \$318 for toilet splash pans, has now offered to sell them for \$1 a piece.

Lockheed last month offered to give the Air Force the pans for its aging fleet of C-5 transports for free. The Air Force said it could not take something for nothing and Lockheed then upped its bid to \$1 each. The pans sit below toilets and prevent moisture from corroding certain parts of the aircraft.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, has criticized Lockheed for allegedly charging the government \$317.97 each for 67 of the pans on a previous order.

Afghan troops said to have defected to rebels

ISLAMABAD (Reuters). — Up to 900 Afghan troops defected to guerrillas in Pakia Province bordering Pakistan last week, Western diplomats said yesterday.

They quoted reports received from Afghanistan as also saying Islamic guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed government shot down six aircraft near Kandahar.

The diplomats said 900 Afghan troops deployed around Khost went over to the guerrillas with their weapons after Soviet forces pulled back into the Eastern garrison town, thinking the situation did not warrant their own deployment.

Emirate fence to halt jaywalking camels

DUBAI (Reuters). — The emirates of Dubai and Abu Dhabi are building a 140 km. fence to keep camels from straying onto a major desert highway, where they are the main cause of traffic accidents, *Al-Bayan* newspaper reported yesterday.

75,000 homeless in flood-stricken Brazil

SAO LUIS (APF). — Torrential rains in northeastern Brazil in the past 10 days have left more than 75,000 people homeless in an area more often stricken by drought, officials said here on Monday.

The Sudeco Development Agency said it had already distributed over 400 tons of food and had asked for federal funds to buy more, along with clothing, medicine and fuel.

About half the flood victims were in Fortaleza, capital of the state of Ceara, and the situation was also serious in the states of Maranhao and Piaui.

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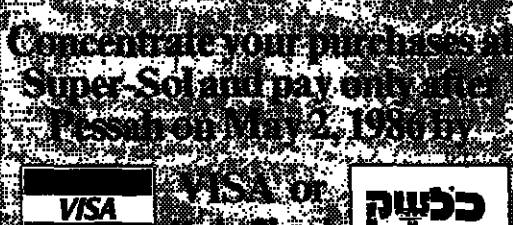
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Suggestion by economic researchers:

Subordinate Bank of Israel to control by the Treasury

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Finance Reporter

The Bank of Israel cannot be independent in the drafting of monetary policy, but should be subordinated to the Treasury; the bank should have autonomy in the execution of policy; the Governor of the Bank of Israel should stop being the economic adviser to the cabinet.

These are some of the conclusions about the internal organization of the Treasury reached by the Workshop for Problems of the Economy at the Van Leer Institute, headed by Ariel Arielevi, a former senior Treasury official.

The research, which received support from past and present senior Treasury officials, made 40 recommendations aimed at improving the process of economic policy-making. Among others, the research unit recommended the establishment of an academy to train the senior cadres of the civil service.

The unit also recommended that ministers should not be involved in determining the share of their ministries in the budget. It also said that all legislation concerning the implementation of the budget should be included in the budget law.

The research recommends that tax on capital - at reasonable rates - should be imposed. It also said the State Revenue Administrations should be reorganized, by unifying the Income Tax and Value Added Tax divisions. National Insurance Institute fees should be collected by the tax administration.

The researchers said that tax collection should not be under the Treasury's jurisdiction, but that the Economics Ministry should be responsible for it. The Economics Ministry should also include the Civil Service Commission and the Government Corporations Authority, which are currently included in the Finance Ministry.

U.S. high-tech leader: Israel can compete with Far East

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Israel can compete with Japan, South Korea and other Far East high-technology countries in producing reasonably-priced electronic goods, says Bernard Appel, president of the American company Radio Shack, the largest division of the Tandy Corporation. (Tandy's sales revenue in 1985 was \$3 billion.)

Appel says that "all Israel needs is a lot of ingenuity to dream up consumer ideas which are snatched off the shelves, low-overhead operations, and the ability to utilize existing facilities."

Appel, who is in Israel in connection with Project Renewal, wants to do business with Israel. He has met Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Minister of Industry and Trade Ariel Sharon and Minister of Economy and Planning Gad Ya'acobi.

Appel, 53, has been on the marketing side of Radio Shack for 26 years.

He has already placed his first order in Israel - 50,000 "scientific educational kits," which should retail for a total of about \$1m. in Radio

Shack's 5,000 stores and 2,000 agencies in the U.S.

He refuses to reveal the name of the factory producing the kits, but says: "We are beating the bushes in Israel for other small companies, especially in the kibbutzim."

The Radio Shack-Israel "connection" came about through a company established a few months ago by Avi Golan, former Israeli commercial consul in Houston, Texas, who set up the Texas-Israel Marketing Company with an American partner, Gil Baker.

During his years in Texas, Golan found that the south-west of the U.S. was "virtually ignored by Israeli businessmen, or visited only on a hit-or-miss basis."

He believes there "is a good, and growing market, for Israeli goods of all types in the south-west."

Golan and Baker interested Appel in placing Radio Shack's first order in Israel, and both are convinced that "Appel will do for consumer electronics what Lord Sieff (Marks & Spencer) did for Israeli textiles...As a matter of fact, we are already calling him Lord Appel."

Texaco files notice of appeal of judgment

HOUSTON (AP). - Texaco has filed a notice of appeal of a Texas court ruling that it must pay Pennzoil \$11.1 billion for deliberately interfering in a 1984 merger of Pennzoil and Getty Oil.

A Houston jury last year ordered Texaco to pay \$10.53b. in damages to Pennzoil, and a judge added 600 million in interest charges.

The jury found Pennzoil was entitled to compensation for actual and punitive damages suffered when Texaco acquired Getty after a Pennzoil-Getty merger was scrapped.

Attorney Russell McMains has filed a letter with the district clerk's office requesting an appeal of the December 10 judgment against Texaco.

Texaco said the court reporter has until March 21 to file a transcript of the previous court proceedings but that date may be extended because of the transcript's enormous size.

Texaco, based in White Plains, New York, must file written arguments supporting its appeal with the Texas court system 30 days after the court reporter files the transcript, with the court. Houston-based Pennzoil then must file its reply brief 25 days thereafter.

GAS. - Britain will give Bangladesh \$25 million for natural gas exploration under an accord signed in Dhaka yesterday, the official BSS news agency said.



Vulcan workers stage sit-in at Tel Aviv office of Aharon Dovrat, the secretary-general of Clal, the company which owns Vulcan.

Vulcan Foundries may close as strike continues

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - Management of the strike-hit Vulcan Foundries warned yesterday that the factory may have to be closed unless an agreement is reached soon on pay and staff cutbacks.

General manager Alex Ferling told *The Jerusalem Post* that unless production costs could be reduced, the parent company, Urdan, would cease subsidizing losses, leaving the plant without an economic future.

The firm's 230 workers have been on strike for three weeks over the size of severance payments for 13 sacked colleagues.

The Haifa Labour Council has blamed management for the breakdown of negotiations aimed at ending the strike.

The council wanted to resolve the compensation issue before negotiating management's demands for further staff reductions and wage cuts.

But Ferling said the matters were inseparable in view of the Urdan board of directors' order last week to cut the workforce by a further 30 employees. The board wants the remaining workers to take a 25 per cent drop in salaries and fringe benefits. The board has authorized the Vulcan management to close the factory's steel production line, which

would result in the loss of 100 jobs, if no agreement on the cutback is reached by the end of this month.

Ferling said, however, that unless there is a breakthrough soon on both issues, the future of the factory is in doubt.

"The strike has been going on so long that unless it is resolved soon, we will have nobody to sell our product to," he said.

Management yesterday applied to the Magistrates' Court to fix a hearing for its request to remove all the striking workers from the factory by force, if necessary. A date for the hearing has yet to be set.

Ferling said that with losses at around \$1.5 million last year and falling orders due to cutbacks by the defence ministry, it was imperative to reach an agreement on the efficiency measures before time ran out.

Meanwhile, Labour Council sources said that some workers were so bitter about the attitude of management in its handling of the negotiations, that they would prefer to see the factory close and receive appropriate compensation rather than continue working.

Council secretary Moshe Werthan said, however, that they have no intention of giving up the fight and would intensify the pressure on Urdan management.

Cuts up to 20% in pension increments

By TSIPI KUPER

The planned cuts in seniority increments for old-age allowances will reduce benefits by up to 20 per cent, a senior National Insurance Institute official said yesterday. It will primarily hit the poorest segment of the population, said Shlomo Cohen, head of the NII long-term pension planning department.

He was referring to one of the proposals which the cabinet on Sunday approved for implementation.

At present, the elderly receive a two per cent increment on the basic allowance for every year beyond ten years of paying national insurance dues. The ceiling is a 50 per cent increment, after 35 years. Actually, the most any beneficiary can receive today is a 42 per cent increment, since the National Insurance Law went into effect in 1954.

The proposal to reduce the ceiling for increments to 15 per cent of the basic allowance means the maximum amount would be reduced from NIS 203 to NIS 164 - a cut of some 20 per cent.

The Treasury hopes to save some \$30 million annually by cutting seniority increments, said Cohen.

He supported the decision to combine taxation of pensions and old-age allowances. This will affect only some 70,000 pensioners with the highest incomes. Most of the country's 400,000 elderly have an income which does not reach the tax threshold anyway.

New source of corporate financing

By AARON SITTNER

A "new" source of corporate financing for capital investment purposes will be available as of next month, according to the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

It announced yesterday that under an arrangement worked out with the Treasury and commercial banks, provident funds and other institutional investors will be permitted to invest up to four per cent of their resources in industrial and commercial bonds and stocks, rather than place all of their funds in government debentures.

The proceeds from the sale of these debt instruments and equities will supplement the financing the companies used to get in the form of government subsidized loans, which have been discontinued since last July.

Anticipating that the interest corporations will have to pay their bondholders will be higher than the interest they were accustomed to pay on their government-subsidized credit, the ministry will offer the issuers special "debt service grants." These will range from four per cent of the capital raised through the security flotations to companies located in the centre of the country, to 9.2 per cent for those in areas classified as "Development Zone A."

A ceiling of \$150m. has been placed for the coming year on the overall amount that will be raised through the new corporate financing plan.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

80 per cent of the elderly who require daily care live with their families, and not in institutions. (NII)

TOURISM BRIEFS

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MUSEUM CURATORS, Judaica collectors, researchers, gallery owners and representatives of Jewish organizations are expected to attend what is believed to be the first international Judaica fair. The four-day event will be held at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel from May 4 and will include exhibits of rare and antique Judaica objects, lectures and tours.

The fair is under the auspices of The Jerusalem Convention Centre. Among the displays will be a specially commissioned Tora scroll, which was presented by a group of rabbis to General Allenby, when he entered Jerusalem at the head of the victorious British army in 1917.

THE FIRST WAVE of feathered migration from East Africa to Europe has excited bird-watchers who have flocked to Eilat to observe the thousands of species flying over Israel's southern paradise. The Nature Reserves Authority reports that ornithologists have sighted species of birds which have not been seen here before. The migration is expected to continue till the end of the month.

A TWO-WEEK conference to promote solidarity with Israel, aimed at boosting tourism, opened this week at the Tel Aviv Hilton. Organized by the Israel Histadrut Foundation, the conference is under the patronage of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar. The 100 conference delegates will be addressed by a long list of dignitaries. Aside from tourism, the key goals of the conference are to raise funds for education, health and social services.

RIMON TOURS has expanded its activities to cater for individual tourists who wish to travel with an international company. For this purpose, it has been appointed a representative of Insight International and Kontiki. A veteran foreign tours operator, Rimon Tours has upgraded its activities under the management of Ramon Keshner, who until recently was director-general of Natur.

URI BARKAI, who has held a number of management positions at the Tel Aviv Hilton, has been transferred to New York, where he will head the American sales office for the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem Hiltons. Barkai, who was born in Iraq, has been with the Tel Aviv Hilton since 1972.

HOTEL MANAGERS sometimes move around more than the guests who check into the establishments which they manage. Matti Harel, newly appointed director-general of

the Tel Aviv Plaza, is a case in point. Hotels in which he has worked include the Sharon Herzliya, the Tel Aviv Sheraton, the Dan Accadia, the Shalom in Jerusalem, the Nof in Haifa, the Tiberias Plaza, the Tel Aviv Hilton, the Rotterdam Hilton, and the Daniel Spa, Herzliya. In his student days, he also worked at the Ritz in London.



Matti Harel

THE ASHKELON Village will be singles oriented in mid-May, with a five-day recreation programme designed with this group in mind. Specially trained coaches will advise guests on how to improve their form in tennis, archery, calisthenics, basketball, mini golf, etc. Evening entertainment programmes will be tailored for guest participation.

THE TEL AVIV Health Club, which is linked to the Gordon swimming pool on the beachfront, will open in April and will cater to tourists as well as locals. The club offers a wide range of fitness and body-building equipment.

JEWISH TRAVELLERS without relatives or friends at their place of destination, are often on the lookout for kosher restaurants, synagogues and organizations, where they can meet other Jews. To help those travelling to the West Coast of America, the San Francisco Jewish Consumer and Tourist Guide has recently published a Jewish West Coast Guide, which retails at \$5.95 plus postage. The guide offers information on all things Jewish from Vancouver to San Diego and Nevada to Hawaii.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE operations at the Tel Aviv Sheraton are now under the management of Arieh Alzensthat, who has returned to Israel after a 12-year sojourn in the U.S. where he was associated with Hilton, Holiday Inn and Hyatt.

Israel and Finland to expand trade

A delegation of industrialists will go to Finland and other Scandinavian countries in September to discuss trade relations.

Officials who accompanied the Finnish foreign minister on his recent visit to Israel held talks with senior representatives of the Foreign Ministry and of the Ministry of Industry and Trade on how to increase trade between the two countries. It

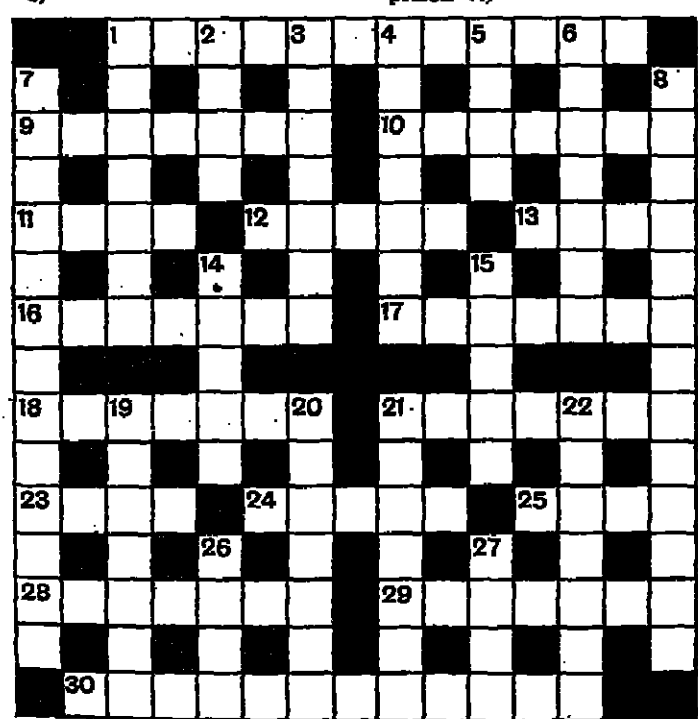
was decided that the Israeli delegation should go to Finland and other Scandinavian countries.

The director of the foreign trade section of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Max Livnat, noted that in 1985 Israeli exports to Finland - mainly agricultural products, processed foods and textiles - grew by some 30% to \$18.5 million, compared with \$14.1 million in 1984.

ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- "Girls, it's a mad middle", they sing (12)
 - Convert the property into cash - understand? (7)
 - He'll charge a consumer about a couple of hundred (7)
 - Aeneas' lover cheated none (4)
 - Transport a road vehicle by railway (5)
 - Constant concern (4)
 - High and dry for a good reason (7)
 - Oriental finding a place in a person's heart (7)
 - A failure gone berserk in indignation (7)
 - Room, for example, is splendid! (7)
 - A sort of knot - seamen consider it dangerous (4)
 - Wary of being told to go around quietly (5)
 - Not written in serious vein, but for a laugh (5)
 - Keep getting notice (7)
 - Proccures new boat in Spit-head (7)
 - Ongoing demonstration (7, 5)

- DOWN
- Turn or intend to turn Communist (7)
 - A body of politicians - a number are troubled (4)
 - Builders can idle here (7)
 - A horse put before sheep? That's puzzling! (7)
 - Move slowly in church (4)
 - With some show of irritability, sty... it differently (7)
 - New union members (5,5,5)
 - Form of training-school for delinquents? (8,5)
 - Improved the pitch (5)
 - 15 Poles negotiating a rise (5)
 - Theatre worker writing the doctor a letter - and the queen (7)
 - A tool for youngsters (7)
 - 21 Agree to study fashion (7)
 - 24 A dull film (7)
 - 26 Make fairly rapid progress, but 'ake the wrong turning! (4)
 - 27 To agitate could mean prison (4)



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Money received in support of Israeli courts boycott

East Jerusalem lawyer must pay tax on Amman funds

By RON JOURARD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An East Jerusalem lawyer was told by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday that he must pay tax on funds he allegedly received from Amman to support his boycott of Israeli courts.

It was the second time that an East Jerusalem lawyer has been required to pay tax on these funds, believed to be paid by the Jordanian Bar Association since the boycott began in 1967. Hashim Isa is one of about 80 lawyers who refuse to appear in Israeli courts or in military courts in the West Bank following a decision by the Jordanian bar after the Six-Day War. The bar thought that appearing in the courts would give recognition to the Israeli's annexation of East Jerusalem and to its occupation of the West Bank.

According to one source in East Jerusalem, lawyers participating in the boycott receive some 100 dinars (NIS 4.120) a month. Another said the figure was much higher in some cases. The handful of lawyers who

practise in defiance of the boycott have been struck off by the Jordanians.

The tax authorities assumed that Isa was receiving payments from Amman and assessed his income for 1978 and 1979 at about \$9,000. Though the authorities failed to prove that he receives funds from abroad, the court accepted the tax assessment as "reasonable."

But the court acknowledged that Isa did not work. He prays at al-Aksa Mosque, plays backgammon at the Graduates' Club in Sheikh Jarrah and reads a lot, the court's judgement says.

Isa lives with his wife, mother and two children. His wife earns about \$3,600 annually; his mother receives old age benefits from the National Insurance Institute.

In a similar case a few years ago, East Jerusalem lawyer Jirjis Khouri was also required to pay income tax on funds allegedly received from Amman. Khouri fought the decision all the way to the Supreme Court, but lost.

EXPERTS DIVIDED

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Only the Bank Leumi representative opposed the trading halt. A senior Leumi-group executive told *The Post* that in his view — and apparently that of his bank as well — the decision was a mistake. "It is not the exchange's job to educate people," he argued.

By all accounts, the size of the sell orders building up yesterday morning was exceptionally large. Unconfirmed reports and rumours spoke of orders worth \$200 million in the bond market alone (where the recent average daily volume has been about \$4m. in toto), but Shilo dismissed this figure as wildly exaggerated. But even his own estimate of \$10m. worth of bonds being offered indicates very heavy selling interest.

The real weight of sales, though, was directed at the share market,

particularly at the mutual funds, which are the preferred means of stock market participation for most of the public. Here, too, rumours spoke of enormous sums, although well-placed sources claimed that the actual numbers involved were much smaller.

Thus talk of funds managed by Leumi Pia, the largest mutual fund group, being assailed with \$50m. worth of redemptions was firmly denied by that company.

A number of banking sources last night estimated that mutual funds received redemption orders worth between \$60m. and \$80m. before the trading halt was announced. These orders would have ensured that the funds would have joined other sellers in the market, or at least that they would have been unable to buy any of the shares offered for sale by the public.

PROFESSIONALS

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senior officials about the role the exchange is to play in the government's "growth" plans gave the professionals further assurance that they would win the poker game they had begun.

The third group of would-be sellers yesterday were the major mutual funds. Although they have taken in large amounts of new funds from investors in recent weeks, they have not deployed much of this in the market, believing most shares to be too highly priced. So yesterday developments found them with plenty of liquidity. But the professionals neutralized the threat of the funds' buying into a sharply falling market, by selling huge quantities of mutual fund units. Even if the funds had met these redemptions from their reserves or by selling bonds, they would have been unable and unwilling to enter the share market on the buy side. And, in fact, some of the mutual funds would have been forced to sell shares.

But the professionals did not content themselves with selling their own portfolios *en bloc*. According to some sources, they "sold" up to five times as many shares as they actually had, in a blatant attempt to blot the size of the selling orders and increase the market's panic. Although this is technically illegal, they presumably figured that there would be no trading anyway, and that the individual sell orders — however large — would be lost in the crowd. In a "seller's only" situation no-one would notice any more.

As the day wore on and hasty denials were trotted out by ministers and others, it became clear that the brokers and professionals had won the battle.

In the evening, though, the radio interview with Prime Minister Peres showed that the subject of a tax on the exchange was still on the agenda.

It is therefore quite possible that the professionals will repeat yesterday's tactics, albeit on a smaller scale, and force the market into a downward spin today, to ram home the point that a tax would be fatal to the exchange and self-defeating from the viewpoint of raising revenues. When they have "persuaded" the government to surrender unconditionally, the selling pressure will disappear.

MARKET PLACE

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Taxing the bourse

There were a lot of quotes that could be used from the endless conversations held yesterday before, during and after the closure of the TASE. But one theme kept coming up again and again.

Briefly, it said "why don't they stop talking about proposals and either act or keep quiet?"

This was the central complaint of bankers, brokers and ordinary investors yesterday regarding the perennial topic of tax on the exchange. Some people are violently opposed to any tax of any sort, some are in favour of a tax of some sort, and some — perhaps the majority — could learn to live with anything.

What nobody can tolerate is the endless patter of politicians on the subject. Markets cannot abide uncertainty. The longer the uncertainty, the more the markets are driven mad by it. That is the basis of the management's rationale for closing the exchange yesterday.

The idea of taxing the bourse is, as noted, an evergreen subject, particularly for certain types of Labour Party politicians. It was amusing to watch mainstream Labour ministers, such as Gad Ya'acobi and Adi Amorsai, squirm in discomfort caused by their colleague Haim Ramon.

The latter, meanwhile, was the recipient of many curses. On the other hand, he drew some grudging respect for his political savvy in latching onto issues that give him maximum publicity.

But what about the pros and cons of the issue itself? Here there is a great split among financial people, as much as among the general public.

It is by no means unanimously agreed that taxation on the stock exchange in one form or another, would be a bad thing. The question is more how and on what basis.

Two main suggestions have been made, both now and in the past, how to tax exchange activity without causing it to collapse. For, if the imposition of a tax would kill the exchange as a vibrant and useful entity, then the disadvantages of taxation would clearly outweigh the advantages. However, since most countries have taxes of some sort, there is no a priori reason why no such tax should exist in Israel.

This is the more true given that Israel is the highest-taxed people in the world already. For a supposedly egalitarian society — let alone socialist-oriented — the fact that earned income is taxed to the hilt while unearned income is scot-free is rather strange.

The supporters of taxation then have to decide which kind of tax they want. The choice boils down to either a turnover tax — such as existed in 1982/83 under the name of "Peace for Galilee Levy" — or a capital gains tax on realized profits. Each has distinct pros and cons.

The turnover tax is easy to collect, can be adjusted up and down in line with changing conditions, (inflation, the state of the market, etc.) and is fair in that it affects long-term investors much less than short-term traders. But if it is too high, it will kill off trading altogether.

A capital gains tax is even fairer, because it is taken only from profits, and can be made to take a smaller bite from longer-term profits than from short-term trading profits.

But it is very difficult to work out and collect, particularly in an inflationary economy. To tax paper profits stemming from inflation would be completely self-defeating. Furthermore, capital gains taxes must allow for capital losses as well, and this opens the way for all kinds of smart deals and loopholes.

These, then are some of the nitty-gritty details involved. What the markets would like to see is more thought, less talking and then, if something is decided, for it to be implemented overnight.

'Lower oil prices will help Britain'

LONDON (Reuters). — Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson yesterday told Parliament he welcomed lower oil prices, despite the loss of revenue to Britain, and predicted a year of higher economic growth and lower inflation.

Lawson, delivering his third annual budget statement, said it came against a background of a "dramatic and unprecedented fall in the world oil price," which had almost halved Britain's revenue income from the North Sea. But he said non-oil income was up and inflation was likely to fall to 3.5 per cent later this year, from 5.5 per cent now.

FINANCIAL DATA: ISRAEL, EUROPE, U.S.

Israel Money Markets March 18, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	18.3	8-13%	8-12%	8-12%
HAPALIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	13.3	7-13%	7-13%	9-13%
MIZRAHI	18.2	12-18%	12-20%	12-18%
FIRST INT'L	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(TAPAS: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of March 18)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	6.850	6.750	6.875
STG	10.625	10.250	10.000
DMK	3.575	3.675	3.875
SFR	3.250	3.250	3.250
YEN	4.000	3.750	3.625

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4832	1.5018	1.4818
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.1729	2.2081	2.1885
GERMANY	MARK	0.5601	0.5684	0.5640
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2146	0.2173	0.2161
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5843	0.5916	0.5883
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7873	0.7971	0.7825
AUSTRALIA	KRONA	0.2063	0.2086	0.2073
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2082	0.2118	0.2103
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1786	0.1808	0.1796
FINLAND	MARK	0.2913	0.2950	0.2930
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0632	1.0766	1.0698
INDONESIA	DOLLAR	1.5683	1.5715	1.5682
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7434	0.7534	0.7482
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3182	0.3222	0.3243
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.9410	0.9528	0.9469
ITALY	LIRE	0.9703	0.9825	0.9783
JAPAN	YEN	100	0.8468	0.8518
JORDAN	DINAR	1	—	4.1204
EGYPT	POUND	1	—	0.8429

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European Financial Markets

Precious Metals

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	350.80	P.M. FIX	351.15
	PARIS	NOON FIX	353.41	ZURICH P.M.	349.75
SILVER:	LONDON	FIX	—	—	—
PLATINUM:	LONDON	P.M.	420.00	—	—
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	113.50	—	—

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

	SPOT	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2470/85	111/106	171/166	330/320
POUND STERLING	1.4875/85	104/101	149/145	266/261
SWISS FRANC	1.8940/55	115/108	167/160	337/327
JAPANESE YEN	175.30/40	58/56	89/86	153/179
FRENCH FRANC	6.9070/20	975/1075	1275/1375	1750/1850
ITALIAN LIRA	1526.00/00	2350/2475	3275/3425	6200/6400
DUTCH GULDEN	2.5380/70	83/79	125/121	245/238
BELGIAN FRANC	46.000/20	20/25	28/32	35/42
DANISH KRONA	8.3010/25	25/25	25/25	75/75
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.4895/05	36/31	48/43	60/70
EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT	0.9612/18	32/28	43/38	48/39
FINNISH MARK	5.0960/80	230/270	340/390	670/770
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.7018/25	122/118	173/168	317/311
NORWEGIAN KRONA	7.0570/20	845/885	1000/1020	2015/2055

Formula for determining forward rates:
high/low (eg. 220/210) — deduct from spot price.
low/high (eg. 210/220) — add to spot price.

New York Financial Markets

WALL STREET Closing Prices

Dow Jones Indices			NYSE Highest Volume		
IND	1,788.87	+13.05	GEN MOTORS	83%	+2%
TRANS	802.75	+1.35	FED EXP CP	86%	-3%
UTILS	186.50	-0.15	IBM	152%	+1%
STOCKS			US STEEL	23%	+%
NYSE COMP	135.70	+0.63	ATT	23%	+%
NYSE INDS	—	—	COMW ED	33%	+%
NASDAQ COMP	371.52	+1.51	TWA	18%	+%
S-P INDEX	225.72	+1.39	BANKAMER	17%	+%
S-P COMPOSITE	235.78	+1.11	EXXON	55%	+%
AMEX INDEX	287.89	+2.47	EAST KODAK	59%	+%
Statistics					
NYSE	VOL 148,136,144	STOCKS UP 1,014	DOWN 672		
NASDAQ	VOL 129,538,500	STOCKS UP 830	DOWN 1,283		

Comment

WALL STREET STOCKS TOUCH 1800 LEVEL
NEW YORK, March 18. — Stocks topped the 1800 level, as measured by the Dow Jones Industrial Average, for the first time, in a late institutional buying binge, traders said.
The average stood four points below the 1800 level, up 19 for the day, after briefly topping it.
Strength in IBM and GM shares buoyed the average, and the stock market in general. Analysts said there was no economic news causing the rise, and viewed the upturn as technical.
The Dow closed above 1700 for the first time on February 28, after the fastest 100-point advance in history. It had closed at 1600 for the first time on February 6.

ISRAELI STOCKS Traded in New York:

NYSE and ASE	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('00s)
Alliance	2%	2%	2%	2%	10
Am Int Pap	10	10 1/4	10 1/4	9 3/4	91
Ampal	2%	2%	2%	2%	202
Eleint	3%	3%	3%	3%	15
Elz Lavud	15%	15%	15 1/4	14%	209
Laser Inds	15%	14%	15 1/4	14%	—

Over the counter

	last	bld	ask	last	bld	ask
Bank Leumi	—	20 1/2	22 1/2	Interpharm	—	5 1/2
Elbit	8%	8%	8%	Optrotech	10 1/2	10 1/2
ECI Tel.	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	Rada	—	10 1/4
Elron	8	7 3/4	8	Scitex	8 1/4	7 3/4
Fibronics	13%	13%	13%	Taro-vit	—	4
IDB Bank	—	48	52	Tevapharm	—	3 1/4
IIS	NA	—	—	SPI	7 1/4	7 1/4

U.S. Money Rates

Prime 9.00%; Broker 8.25% to 8.50%; NY Euros 3 months. 7 1/2 to 7 3/4%; Fed Funds last 7 1/2%

New York Foreign Exchange

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
YESTERDAY'S CLOSING	2.2480/70	1.5745/65	1.4880/90	175.00/10	1.3857/72
OPENING	2.2475/65	1.5835/45	1.4850/70	175.15/25	1.3893/10
LATEST	2.2482/62	1.5785/95	1.4775/90	174.35/45	1.3883/68

Comment

DOLLAR EASES SLIGHTLY IN NEW YORK.
The dollar eased slightly in nervous mid-afternoon trading as sentiment remained generally bearish. Meanwhile, sterling was bolstered by rising oil prices and a warm reception by the Chancellor of the Exchequer Lawson's budget statement. However, dealers said short-covering was at the root of the pound's gains, not the establishment of new buy positions.

Overseas financial data — from Reuters exclusively to The Jerusalem Post.

SPORTS

New controversy over another boxing death

LONDON (AP). — The death of a British boxer who lapsed into a coma in the ring and never recovered has revived a long-running political and medical debate over whether the sport should be banned.

Critics said the case of Scottish welterweight Steve Watt, who died in hospital late on Monday night three days after collapsing in a non-title fight, reinforced their campaign for a ban, or at least radical reform of safety standards.

But supporters of boxing coun-

tered that tight controls were already in force. A ban, they said, would only drive fighters underground and make the sport even more dangerous, a practice that current controls specifically were "designed to prevent."

In the 10th and 11th rounds of his fight against forward Rocky Kelly last Friday in London, 28-year-old Watt was stopped after taking several head punches at the end of a reportedly savage contest.

He was carried out of the ring on a stretcher, rushed to the hospital in a coma and never regained consciousness.

Pakistans booed off pitch

COLOMBO (Reuters). — Sri Lanka scored their first cricket Test win over Pakistan when they beat the touring team by eight wickets on the fourth day of the incident-plagued second Test here.

The victory, the second Test win by Sri Lanka against any country, was soured by Pakistani allegations of bad umpiring. The Pakistani players had voted to quit the tour because of abuse and alleged threats to their lives following on-the-field incidents caused by umpiring deci-

sions, but they later changed their minds.

The win levels the series at 1-1. The third and final Test starts on Saturday.

A crowd of about 4,000, who had been led into the ground free, set off fire-crackers as Aravinda De Silva hit the winning run and they booed the dejected Pakistani players when they walked back to the pavilion.

England 271 and 312; Barbados 217 and 268-7 (A. Gilles 52, J. Embury 3-36).

SCORERS: Pakistan 132 and 172. Sri Lanka 275 and 312 for two wickets.

In Bridgetown, Barbados beat England by seven wickets in a closely-contested four-day match that the victory-starved tourists came close to winning.

The result leaves a first ever all-Liverpool Cup final a distinct possibility. Everton tackle Sheffield Wednesday in their semi-final.

remaining.

Liverpool dominated the match but trailed 1-0 until the 86th minute when Dave Jan Moyle levelled the quarter-final replay from the penalty spot after a foul on Rush by Watford goalkeeper Tony Cottee.

Watford, beaten finalists two years ago, had gone ahead through England winger John Barnes' superb left-foot free kick two minutes into the second half.

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OTHER RESULTS: 76ers 118, Cavaliers 112; Nets 130, Bulls 182; Pacers 112, Knicks 92; Jazz 107, Pistons 106.

P. Tikva through

Hapoel Petah Tikva ended the Cup hopes of Second Division Hakoah Ramat Gan in their replayed match in Petah Tikva yesterday. The National League team went through to the last 16 by virtue of two goals from their impressive front runners Nir Levin and Ronen Hillel. In the first game last Saturday the result was a 0-0 draw.

Steffi top of teens

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Steffi Graf of West Germany beat 15-year-old Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 6-0 6-7 (5-7) 6-2 on the opening night of the \$500,000 women's tennis championships in New York.

Third-seeded Graf, 16, won a hard-fought battle between two of the brightest prospects in women's tennis, both playing for the first time in this 16-player, week-long season finale.

Two-time defending and top seed Martina Navratilova leads off against American Terry Phelps. Second-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd will play compatriot Barbara Potter.

Jordan back

but Hawks fly

NEW YORK (AP). — Although Dominique Wilkins had just scored 29 points to lead the streaking Atlanta Hawks to their 13th victory in 15 games, he wasn't interested in assessing his own performance. Instead, he was holding court on the subject of Michael Jordan.

Jordan, playing in just his second game for the Chicago Bulls after four months off with a broken foot, scored 13 of his 17 points in the final period of Monday night.

Wilkins scored 12 of his game-high 29 points in the third period and led the Hawks to a 106-96 NBA victory.

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Racism - there and here

FRENCH JEWRY is horrified because the racist, anti-foreigner and - although its leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen, denies it - anti-Semitic National Front won some 10 per cent of the national vote and 32 out of the 577 National Assembly seats in France's parliamentary election last Sunday.

To be sure, xenophobia focusing on the Jews has an ancient history in the land of "liberty, equality, fraternity," although recently it has shifted its emphasis to immigrant workers, mainly those of North African origin. The National Front's showing in this week's poll has in fact been slightly weaker than it was in the European Parliament elections two years ago. But this is the first time this neo-fascist group, which no other French party would touch with a ten-foot pole, gained access to the French legislature.

The Le Pen vote, Premier Shimon Peres told the annual convention of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel at its opening Monday night, is a matter of concern not only to France but to all citizens of the democratic world. This plainly includes Israel, which has its own version of the National Front in Kach and its own Le Pen in Meir Kahane. Polls last summer gave the ex-Brooklyn cleric turned Knesset member ten per cent of the electorate, and while the appeal of Kahaneism may have dwindled of late, it doubtless remains, to put it mildly, not insubstantial.

This is indeed cause for worry. Especially since, in truth, Kach outdoes the National Front in the viciousness of its racism, and Meir Kahane makes Jean-Marie Le Pen seem almost a liberal by comparison. The French rightist demagogue has been advocating the repatriation of immigrant workers, but he has not been labelling long-time French citizens of alien extraction "dogs" nor threatening them with enslavement and forcible expulsion if they do not "voluntarily" leave at once.

It has taken a former North American Orthodox rabbi to propose the revival of the Nuremberg Laws, in reverse - in the Jewish state.

For the sake of the Jewish state, of course: to keep this state Jewish, he maintains, it must scrap its commitment, recorded in the Declaration of Independence, to "freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Yisrael" and to the "complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants." The fact that only Jews have the automatic right, under the Law of Return, to settle in Israel and to receive its citizenship, means to Meir Kahane that non-Jews should have no rights in it whatever, nor in its occupied territories.

The truly great originality of this programme is that it is enunciated in the name of Jewish religion. To Mr. Le Pen's credit, he at least claims no Church dispensation for his war on foreigners. But it is the mantle of the Halacha that the one-time proclaimed ally of New York mafia leader Joe Colombo in a Negro-bashing campaign pretends to wear as he pursues his fight against the latter-day Amalekites, the Palestinians and the Arabs in general.

To religious Jewry's shame, he does not stand alone. Yesterday the "religious lobby" in parliament threatened to bolt the coalition if the Knesset passed the now pending anti-racism bill without making a blank exception in the case of rabbinically approved racism, by declaring it *ab initio* not to be racism. In this, the lobby enjoys the support of the entire Orthodox, including ultra-Orthodox, establishment, not excluding the chief rabbinate.

Rare is the rabbi or religious politician who would declare Kahaneism a fraud and a libel on Judaism.

In these circumstances, it is refreshing to note that the AACI convention last night reaffirmed an earlier resolution of the organization's board denouncing Kahaneism as a clear and present danger to Israel's democratic system. At the same time it is deplorable to observe that 20 of the 136 convention voting members did not think the issue of racism should have been dealt with at all. An extremely odd misconception.

Reconsidering the budget

OPPOSITION to the 1986 budget, which has been simmering since it was tabled in the Knesset, is building up to a mini-revolt in the Labour Party. It has allies in the populist wing of the Likud, too. Unfortunately, what might have been - and still may become - a legitimate reconsideration of a budget drafted months ago, in different circumstances and with different expectations, has almost instantaneously degenerated into a political popularity contest.

The Treasury, represented by Budget Director Aharon Fogel, last Sunday put up a rear-guard fight to keep the 1986 budget within the limits decided three months ago, and to push for the enactment of the legislation necessary for it. Unless the planned spending cuts - which are mostly tax increases by another name - are pushed through, Mr. Fogel warned, the entire stabilization policy will be in jeopardy.

Devaluation will become necessary, particularly if real wages rise, and the familiar cycle of devaluation-inflation-more inflation-more devaluation will be restored.

But is that really so? When the budget was drafted, the expectation was that the fuel prices would decline by five per cent, and that the country's total outlay on fuel would remain virtually unchanged. Imports of other raw materials and intermediate products were expected to go down 3.1 per cent in price and rise 11.5 per cent in quantity.

Events turned out differently, and vastly so. The oil we bought in 1985 for \$30 a barrel can now be had for \$15 and less, and the price is still falling. Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, has predicted that oil may fall to \$8 a barrel. The Israeli economy will in 1986, on its oil account alone, gain \$750-1,000 million. Other commodity prices have fallen as well. The appreciation of the European currencies against the dollar has improved our terms of trade dramatically.

Taken together, these serendipitous developments make it possible - and indeed call for - a sober reconsideration of the 1986 budget.

The revival of genuine growth - as distinct from the bail-out of failing firms - which may originally have looked like a reckless adventure, is now a distinct possibility. Budget cuts that were never defensible in terms of social justice - such as the taxation of old-age pensions and maternity benefits, or the abolition of seniority points for pensioners who go on working past the age of 65, may be a fetish of neo-conservative ideology, but they no longer have anything to do with real economic need.

The Treasury is mounting the barricades in defence of a budget that has lost touch with reality. Its dire prediction that if the original budget is overrun by \$277 million - or if the rescue of failing firms is included, by as much as \$500 million - the economic stabilization so far achieved will collapse, is utterly baseless.

For one thing, the Treasury overstates the overrun and, by a curious omission, fails to make any mention of the economy's and the budget's huge windfalls. For another thing, there is no earthly reason why, against the background of a dramatic fall in oil and commodity prices, even a budget overrun of some \$300-400 million - 1.5-2 per cent of the budget - should destabilize the economy.

But even if such apprehensions are justified, there is now certainly more leeway for blunting the gross social injustices that were built into the budget as it stands, and more time to reconsider the order of priorities.

The forces of darkness

YOSEF GOELL

THERE ARE many legitimate issues in dispute between secular and observant Jews in Israel. They stem from vastly different points of view in regard to what life in general, and society in particular, is all about, and from legitimate differences in interests deriving from such different outlooks.

There are many such issues and interests in which a secular majority should be interested in reaching accommodations with representatives of Orthodox minorities, in order to enable them to lead their separate ways of life as comfortably as possible. The only condition should be reciprocity in concern for the legitimate interests of the other.

The closing off of streets in clearly Orthodox neighbourhoods on the Sabbath, and the right of the secular population to play football, go to the beach and organize cultural activities on the Sabbath are examples of such issues.

There are topics where, while understanding the religious point of view, the secular majority should fight tooth and nail because of their implications for the general welfare of society. The "Who is a Jew?", or rather, "Who is a rabbi allowed to convert?" issue in connection with the Law of Return, and the demands of the rabbinate on the community of recent immigrants from Ethiopia, are such issues.

There is a third category of matters in dispute between the religious establishment and the secular population, however, which can with the best of goodwill only be interpreted as an attempt by the Orthodox establishment - both rabbinical and political - to flex its muscles and make life as miserable as possible for the secular population, on general principle. The question of summer time is an example.

There is overwhelming evidence that a large majority of the population favours summer time. Interestingly, recent polls on this question found that 75 per cent of those identifying themselves as observant or traditional also favour summer time. And yet, former minister of interior Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party effectively stymied the application of summer time for years until he was forced to implement it, grudgingly and in truncated fashion, by the High Court of Justice.

The present minister, Yitzhak Peretz of Shas, is also using every stratagem possible to delay and, if possible, totally avert the introduction of summer time this year. His

latest ploy was to appoint a committee to study the implications of what has already been studied to death.

The original proposal was to begin summer time this year on April 1. The committee appointed by Peretz has now postponed the date of presenting its recommendations to March 27. It doesn't require much cynicism to guess that the real delaying tactics will only begin on that date.

THE PECULIAR aspect of the summer time issue is that the religious arguments opposing it are so weak, as is attested to by the many observant people who themselves favour it. Dr. Burg's main argument was that beginning the workday earlier in the morning in summer would inconvenience religious workers who must pray between dawn and going to work. So how do they manage in the middle of winter?

An argument, rarely heard openly, but which is closer to the rabbinical viewpoint, is that longer daylight hours on summer evenings could be a temptation to open movies and other places of entertainment before the Sabbath is completely out.

In opposition are studies that attest to real annual savings, of millions of dollars, in fuel costs as a result of the institution of summer time.

Now, there is also a Technion study, that has been submitted to the committee, that has found a 3 per cent drop in road accidents that can be attributed directly to the institution of summer time in 1984 and 1985 as compared to the two previous years. The study concluded that the institution of summer time, even for the few months permitted by Dr. Burg and Yitzhak Peretz, resulted in 20 fewer traffic deaths and 380 fewer injured.

The explanation, given in the study, hinged on better visibility in the evening and a lower heat-load factor in crowded driving conditions in the mornings.

The arguments of financial savings and of road safety, as persuasive as they are, should however be outweighed by the simple argument of the greatest convenience for the greatest number of people. If Israel had an institution like popular referendum, this would be a perfect example of a question that should be taken out of the hands of the politi-

cians and given to the people to decide.

But Israel's secular and religious politicians would be appalled at the thought of actually asking the people what they think is best for them. There is thus every likelihood that Peretz will continue to flex his muscles (one of the engaging things about our minister of interior, who invokes thoughts of the Dark Ages, is that he was a sportsman in his youth) simply for the principle of making life for the Jewish heathen as unpleasant as possible.

BUT PERETZ, and even Burg, is not the problem. What else can be expected from them? The problem lies with a sheep-like secular population that will not fight for its rights. An even greater problem is Prime Minister Peres, who has given ample proof that he would be prepared to sell out the public interest to gain the support of the religious parties.

Peres's argument is clear: it is taking a page out of Menachem Begin's book and even trying to outdo him. "How can one make an issue of summer time, or of Sabbath football in the Ramat Gan stadium, or of a cable car in Haifa, or of a Shabbat programme in Tel Aviv, or of cinemas in Petah Tikva, when the question of peace or war with the Arabs is at stake?"

But after 18 months of trying to win over the religious parties, Peres has proven to be as wrong in his attitude to them as he has been in reading King Hussein and the Palestinians on the West Bank on their readiness to enter meaningful peace talks and President Mubarak on his readiness to thaw out the frozen peace if only the question of Taba were settled.

Not one religious party has been won over to a narrow Labour coalition, or even to the cause of early elections in spite of Peres's braving the icy winds of a Stockholm Shabbat to walk and not ride to Olof Palme's funeral and his ludicrous conversion to the use of fissures in the Western Wall as a telegraphic service to the Almighty.

Vexatious muscle-flexing can only be met by a countervailing flexing of muscles, both against religious establishment interests throughout the country, and against Shimon Peres and his thesis of surrendering to any and all religious demands. The arguments in favour of summer time are so overwhelmingly obvious that it would be a good issue for the exercise of such popular muscle-flexing on both those fronts.

Dry Bones

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THUMB TAX YOU'LL BE ASSESSED FOR EACH OPPOSABLE DIGIT.

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POLE TAX YOU'LL PAY AN EXTRA LEVY IF A POLISH GENTLEMAN LIVES ON YOUR BLOCK.

SAX TAX (ALSO A FEE FOR VIOLINS, VIOLAS, NOISE-FLUTES, AND PIANOS)

TAX TAX EVERYTHING ELSE IS TAXED BUT NOT TAXES

Mindless message

ALICE SHALVI

AT THE RISK of being accused of excessive Grundyism and/or militant, humourless feminism, I wish to take issue with both Martha Meisels and Philip Gillon in their defence of the grapefruit advertisements once again being aired on Israel Television.

One could, of course, adopt a merely tit-for-tat approach (pardon the pun) and ask whether men would appreciate an advertisement for eggs which showed a line of male models clad only in underpants, running along a beach with genitalia bouncing. Such an advertisement would at least have the witty legitimization of referring to the Hebrew slang term for testicles - *beizim* (eggs). Or would they approve of a similar visual approach to advertising baby carrots or bananas?

My own impression is that, even if such advertising aroused an amused smile in the more liberal viewers, it would nevertheless be rightly condemned as utterly tasteless by those who find smut and sexual innuendo a very low form of humour, particularly when presented in a medium with as wide a range of viewers as Israel TV undoubtedly enjoys.

HOWEVER, this retaliatory approach would itself be missing the major point, which is an intense resentment of, and opposition to, the exploitation of the female anatomy for commercial ends.

Scantily-clad, attractive inanely smiling young women are presented for all kinds of purposes which are intrinsically totally unrelated to feminine beauty.

Last summer, a well-known chain of bookstores urged people to purchase their wares by illustrating their advertisements with the irrelevant picture of a nude female back with a quiver of arrows slung across it.

This weekend's colour supplement had a full-page advertisement for a firm of housing-contractors that showed three grinning, bikini-clad women waving their hands. What connection between them and housing are we to deduce?

It is this lack of logical connection

between signifier and signified which irritates and leads one to conclude that advertisers are exercising illegitimate, demeaning exploitation of women's bodies. (It's noteworthy that the grapefruit advertisement depicts men of various ages ogling the women - not devouring grapefruit.)

YES, the female body at its best is beautiful, as is the man's. But few people, male or female, judge a man solely or primarily on the basis of his looks, whereas, from a very early age, females are urged to see their physical attractiveness as an essential pre-condition for social and sexual success.

Not brains, but beauty is the quality that our society most values in women - and beauty is, in our highly commercialized permissive age, interpreted primarily as sexiness, the capacity to arouse a sexual response in the opposite sex.

Women are encouraged to devote excessive amounts of time, energy and money to pursuing the current ideal of feminine attractiveness, whatever it may be. (Today, in Western society, this ideal invariably involves highly-developed mammaries; that is the current "shifting erogenous zone", as fashion expert James Laver called it.)

They frequently do so at the expense of cultivating their intellect. Women who achieve social and professional status are often disproportionately concerned with their physical appearance.

The major objection to sexist advertising (in addition to the argument that pornography encourages violence against, and contempt for, women) is that it perpetuates stereotypes of what is the ideal female precisely at a time when women are struggling - once again - to become equal partners in our society, to have the same opportunities and reap the same rewards as men.

Parents, our educational system and our media should all rally to this aim and play their proper part in creating a just society in which everyone - male and female - can contribute and benefit equally, irrespective of their sex.

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READERS' LETTERS

WAR AGAINST CANCER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Your article on the war against cancer (February 14) emphasizes the current deleterious trend of focusing nearly all of our resources on treatment of cancer, at the expense of prevention.

U.S. president Nixon's "war on cancer" turned out to be a billion-dollar failure since survival rates for the most common types of cancer remained virtually unchanged throughout the campaign.

Without a concerted preventive health programme, we in Israel will also continue to stand helpless while cancer claims more, not fewer, lives. According to the WHO, 90 per

cent of cancers are potentially preventable in the first place. It is time for the public to receive the basic facts on how to avoid cancer-causing agents (smoking, saturated animal fats, highly refined foods, heavily preserved foods, industrial pollution, etc.).

Epidemiological data have provided us with more than enough evidence for us to cut our cancer risks now; are we so foolish that we prefer, instead, to wait indefinitely until the mechanism of cancer is worked out in the laboratory, before taking effective preventive steps?

Dr. A. MENACHE

Givatayim.

THE IRISH CONFLICT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Joshua Adler's letter of March 7, "Northern Ireland and Israel," gives a distorted view of Northern Ireland which is all too prevalent in the media.

The basic cause of conflict in Northern Ireland is not religion. It is very facile to describe it so and makes good headlines in the newspapers. Anyone who is familiar with Irish history will know that the basic cause of conflict is political. The struggle since the end of the sixteenth century has been between the dispossessed native Irish and the "Planters" who were given their lands.

Because the English Reformation was not accepted by the Irish, the settlers were Protestant while the native Irish remained Catholic.

Thus, a religious element was added to the political struggle. But political lines were not clearly drawn. Up to the late eighteenth century, many of the leaders of the struggle for Irish freedom were Ulster Presbyterians who provided some of the leaders of the "United Irishmen."

The foundation of the "Orange Order" had a profound influence in polarizing the political divisions along religious lines, but even today, there are exceptions. Some of the founding members of the SDLP were Protestants. The Alliance Party draws its support from all sections of the community.

Nationalists tend to be Catholic, but what they oppose is not Protestantism, but Unionism.

J.A. BRENNAN

Jerusalem.

"PERUVIANS"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The strange term, "Peruvians" (Letters, March 12) comes from the French (and now English) word *parvenu*, meaning person of

obscure origin who has gained wealth or position; an upstart. (Concise Oxford Dictionary.)

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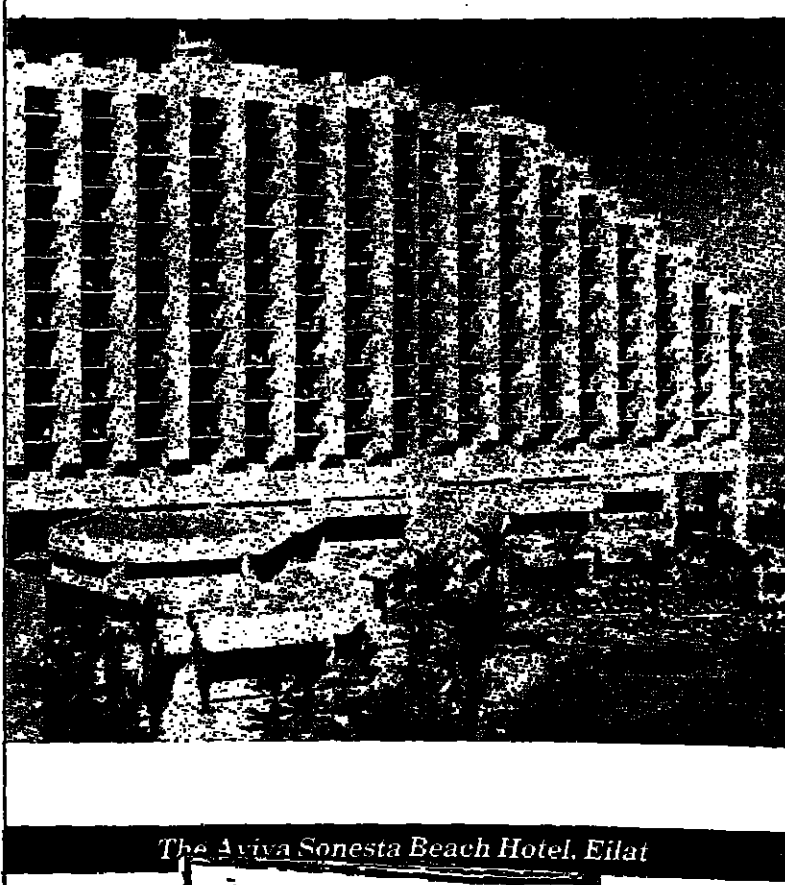
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